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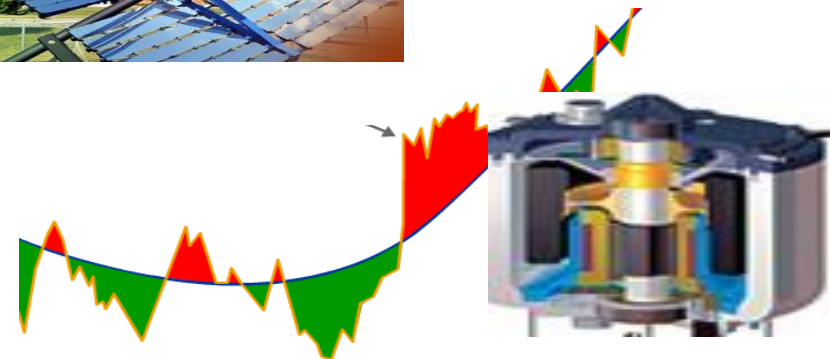
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## Flywheels: A Key Technology for Renewable Energy Storage

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NASA Glenn Research Center

Intermittent energy sources such as solar and wind can use the power grid to absorb production, which relies on the load following capability of the traditional generating units. At low penetration levels, this works fine as the grid has already handled a similar variability in electricity demand. At high penetration levels, grid energy storage becomes necessary. Flywheels can store and release kinetic energy quickly upon demand over many charge-discharge cycles to provide frequency regulation support instead of trying to constantly adjust generator output. Technology development over the past decade have enabled flywheels to become a commercial product with many possible uses including trains, cranes, uninterruptible power supplies, pulse power, as well as frequency regulation. With the aid of new technology to lower costs and increase stored energy, flywheels will play a significant role in securing global energy sustainability. The presentation will explore flywheel technology for renewable energy storage, discuss flywheel design and safety considerations, present NASA flywheel programs and applications, and summarize future technology development needs.



***Come join us as we continue to explore what could lie ahead for our country and our world in advanced renewable energy!***



# Agenda

- What is a flywheel and NASA Glenn's Role?
- Why is a renewable energy supply needed?
- Are flywheels a key technology for renewable energy?
- State of the current commercial technology
- State of NASA technology
- Future research directions
- Summary



What is a flywheel?  
What are the benefits or advantages?



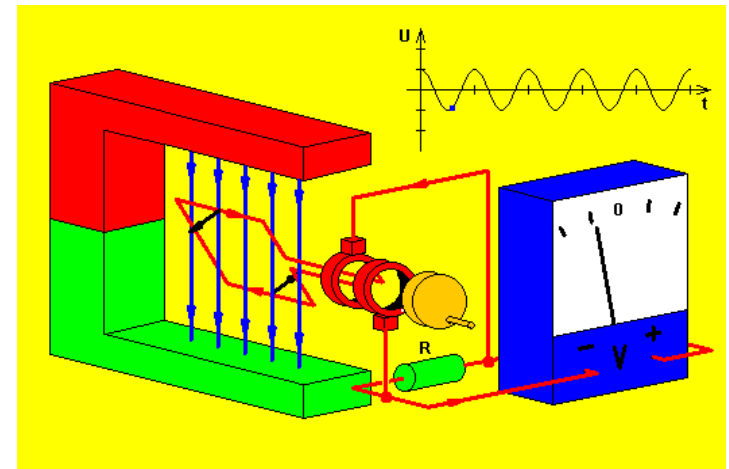
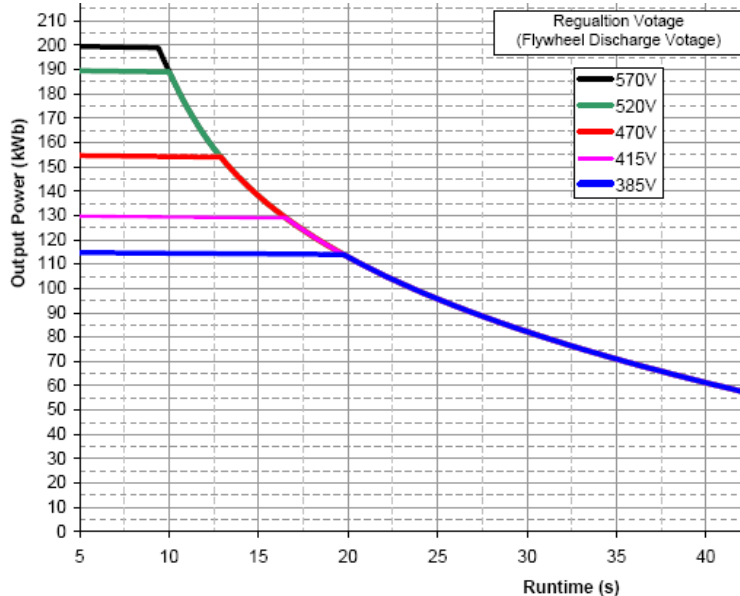
# Flywheels Store Kinetic Energy

- **ENERGY** =  $\frac{1}{2} I_p \omega^2$      $I_p \equiv$  Moment of Inertia  $\approx$  mass \*  $r^2$

- A flywheel stores energy mechanically by spinning a high inertia mass.

$\omega$  = angular velocity

Energy is stored by increasing the speed of the rotor with the motor. Energy is supplied by the generator, which slows down the rotor.



Faraday's Law: The principle states that when an electric conductor, such as a copper wire, is moved through a magnetic field, electric current will flow through the conductor.



# ***Flywheel Technology – G2***



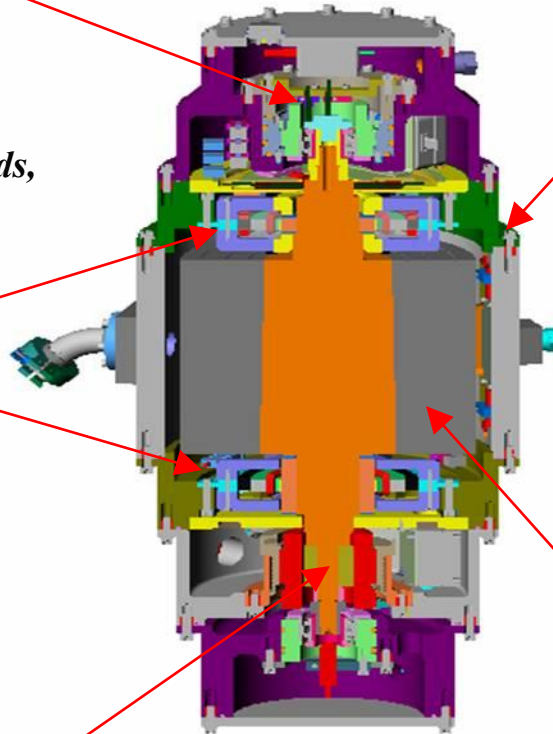
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touchdown and launch loads,  
stability, caging***



***Magnetic Bearings – low  
losses, higher speeds,  
sensors, dynamic control***



***Motor/Generator – low  
losses, higher speeds, drive  
controls***



***Housing – system and  
component integration,  
structural/dynamic  
response***



***Composite Rotor – long life,  
safety without containment,  
light-weight hubs, design and  
cert. standards***

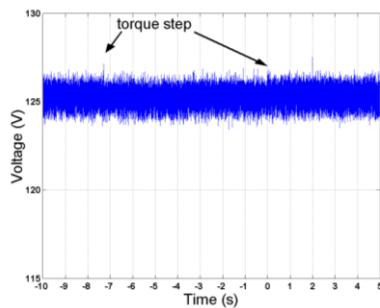
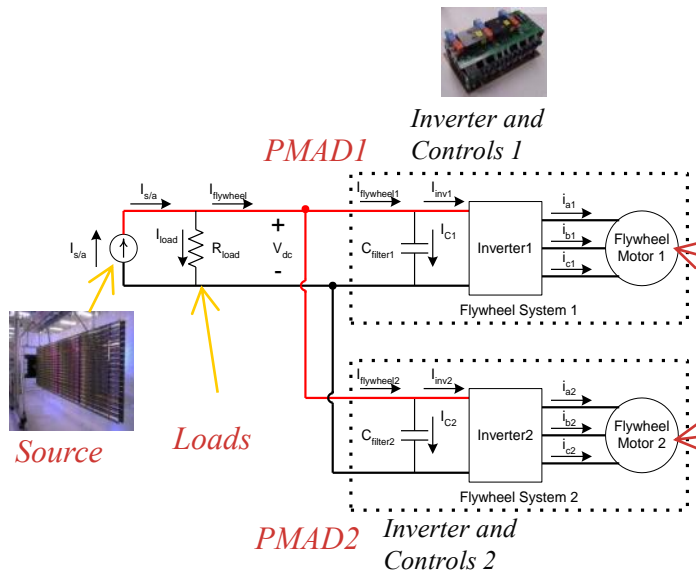


# Flywheel Advantages

- Long life of 15 years
- High combined specific energy and power
- Large Temperature Range (-45°C to +50°C), minor performance impacts with increasing range, cold soak ok
- Known state of charge
- Fault Tolerant
- Built in diagnostics for health monitoring
- Can easily provide 10 times peaking power capability
- Fault Isolation can eliminate electronics (a motor and generator can isolate faults)
- Eliminates (most of) Attitude Control System on LEO satellites



# Integrated Power and Attitude Control D1 and G2 Test Demonstration at GRC



DC bus voltage

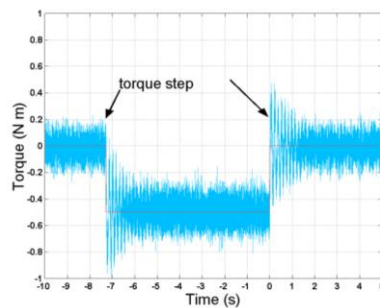
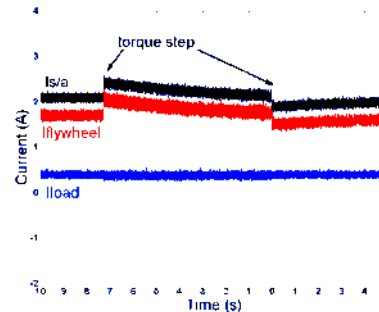
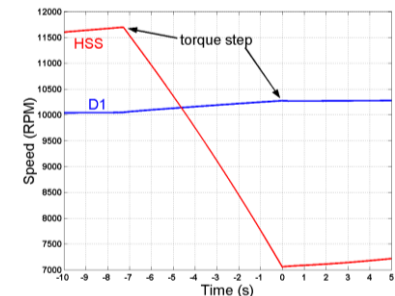


Table torque



DC Currents



Flywheel speeds

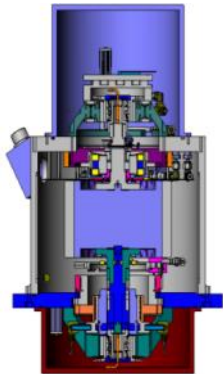
Charge mode with a step change in torque command



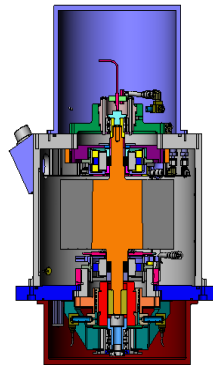
# Aerospace Flywheel Modules at NASA Glenn



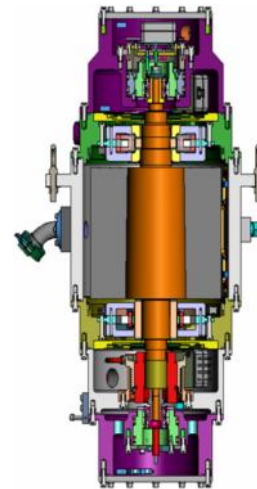
# EVOLUTION!!!!!!



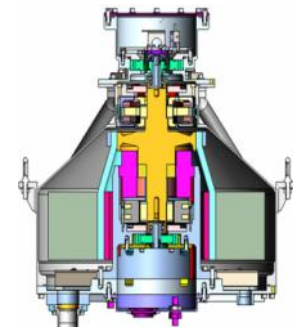
Dev 1 - 300 W-hr  
4.1 W-hr/kg  
Full Speed Once  
**USFS**



D1 - 330 W-hr  
4.7 W-hr/kg  
Full Speed Many Times  
**GRC/TAMU/USFS**



G2 - 581 W-hr  
6.1 W-hr/kg  
Modular, Low Cost  
**GRC/TAMU**



G3 - **2136** W-hr  
**35.5** W-hr/kg  
High Energy, S.E., Life  
**GRC/TAMU/UT-CEM**



# GRC Flywheel Papers

- G2 Flywheel Module Design <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/reports/2006/CR-2006-213862.pdf>
  - Experimental Performance Evaluation of a High Speed Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor and Drive for a Flywheel Application at Different Frequencies <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=2287>
  - Stabilizing Gyroscopic Modes in Magnetic-Bearing-Supported Flywheels by Using Cross-Axis Proportional Gains <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=246>
  - Stability Limits of a PD Controller for a Flywheel Supported on Rigid Rotor and Magnetic Bearings <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=238>
  - Modeling and Development of a Magnetic Bearing Controller for a High Speed flywheel System <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=788>
  - Demonstration of Attitude Control and Bus Regulation With flywheels <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=782>
  - Inverter Output Filter Effect on PWM Motor Drives of a flywheel Energy Storage System <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=1328>
  - Demonstration of Single Axis Combined Attitude Control and Energy Storage Using Two Flywheels <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=1199>
  - Time-Temperature Dependent Response of Filament Wound Composites for flywheel Rotors <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=1139>
  - PWM Switching Frequency Effects on Eddy Current Sensors for Magnetically Suspended flywheel Systems <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=689>
  - Magnetic Bearing Controller Improvements for High Speed flywheel System <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=730>
  - A Study of Time-Dependent and Anisotropic Effects on the Deformation Response of Two flywheel Designs <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=884>
  - Ultrasonic Resonance Spectroscopy of Composite Rims for flywheel Rotors <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=1722>
  - Redesign of Glenn Research Center D1 Flywheel Module <http://gltrs.grc.nasa.gov/Citations.aspx?id=1460>
  - At least a dozen other papers
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# How much flywheel development costs

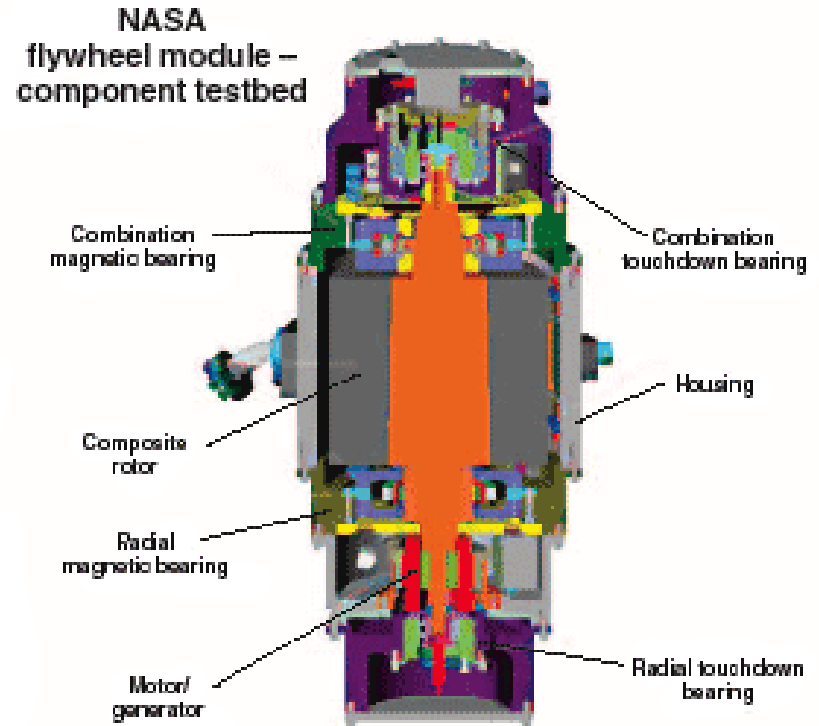
- NASA (40M, 8 years)
  - Lab demo of integrated energy storage and attitude control with two magnetically levitated 60,000 RPM carbon fiber flywheels
- Corporate (35M, 8 years)
  - Beta flywheel UPS, 60,000 RPM carbon fiber, magnetically levitated flywheel
- NASA (3M, 2 years)
  - Design and checkout of one carbon fiber, magnetically levitated, 60,000 RPM flywheel
- NASA (300K, 1 year)
  - Design and demonstration of 1000 RPM bearingless motor





# Why flywheels are a fun engineering project.

- Multidiscipline project with many leading edge technologies
  - Materials (energy density)
    - Carbon fiber
    - Advanced fibers
  - Electrical Engineering (power density)
    - Motor design
    - Magnetic bearing design
    - Power electronics
    - Controls
  - Mechanical Engineering (practicality)
    - Rotordynamics
    - Vacuum systems
    - Thermal, Stress
  - System and Aero Engineering





# Thanks!

GRC Flywheel Team  
Academic and Industry Partners  
Flywheel Developers over the decades



# WHY IS A RENEWABLE ENERGY SUPPLY NEEDED?

- Current Oil and Coal Supply versus Demand
- Cost of Current Energy Sources
- Environment

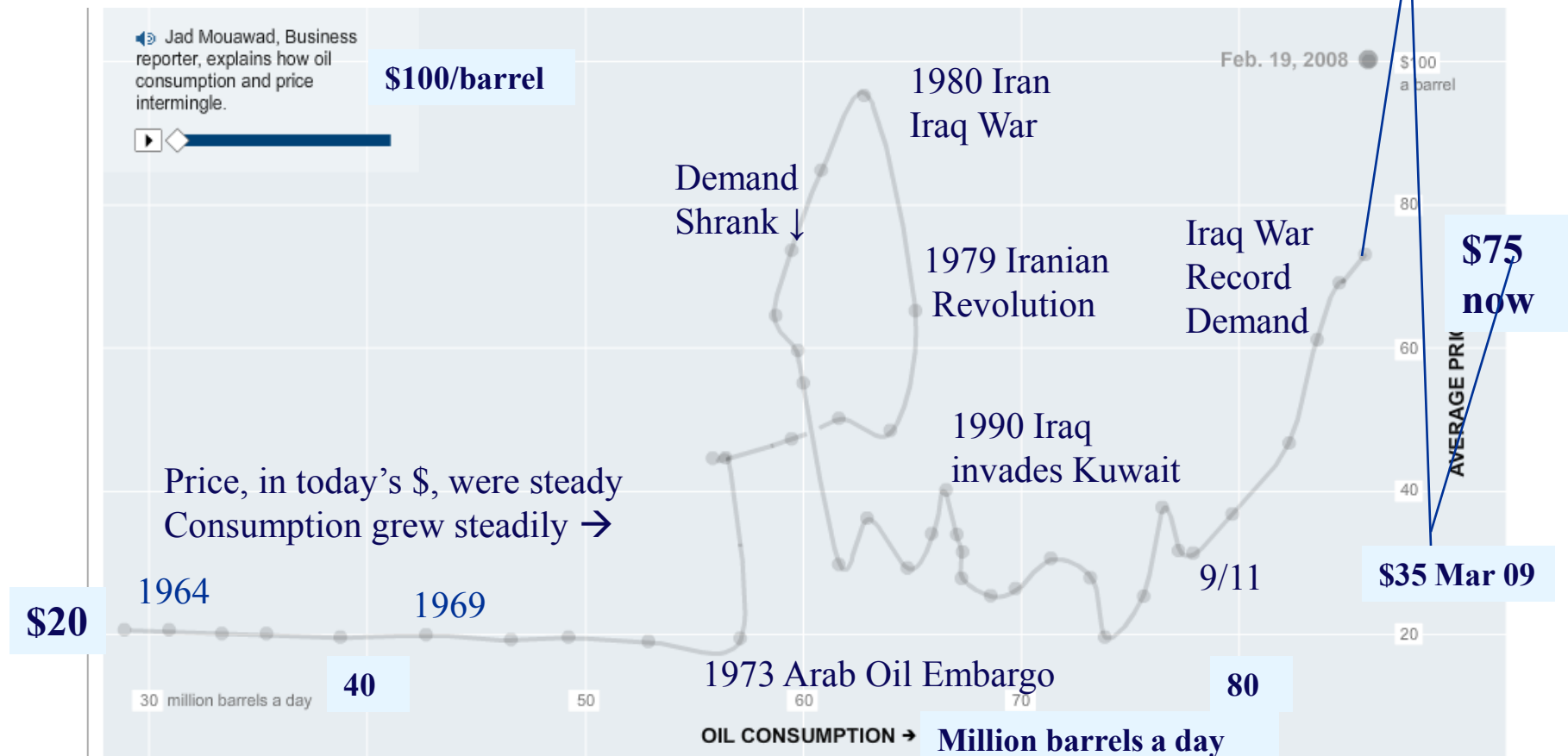


# Cost Per Barrel vs Oil Consumption 1960-2008

US imports 14 of the 21 million barrels of oil used per day

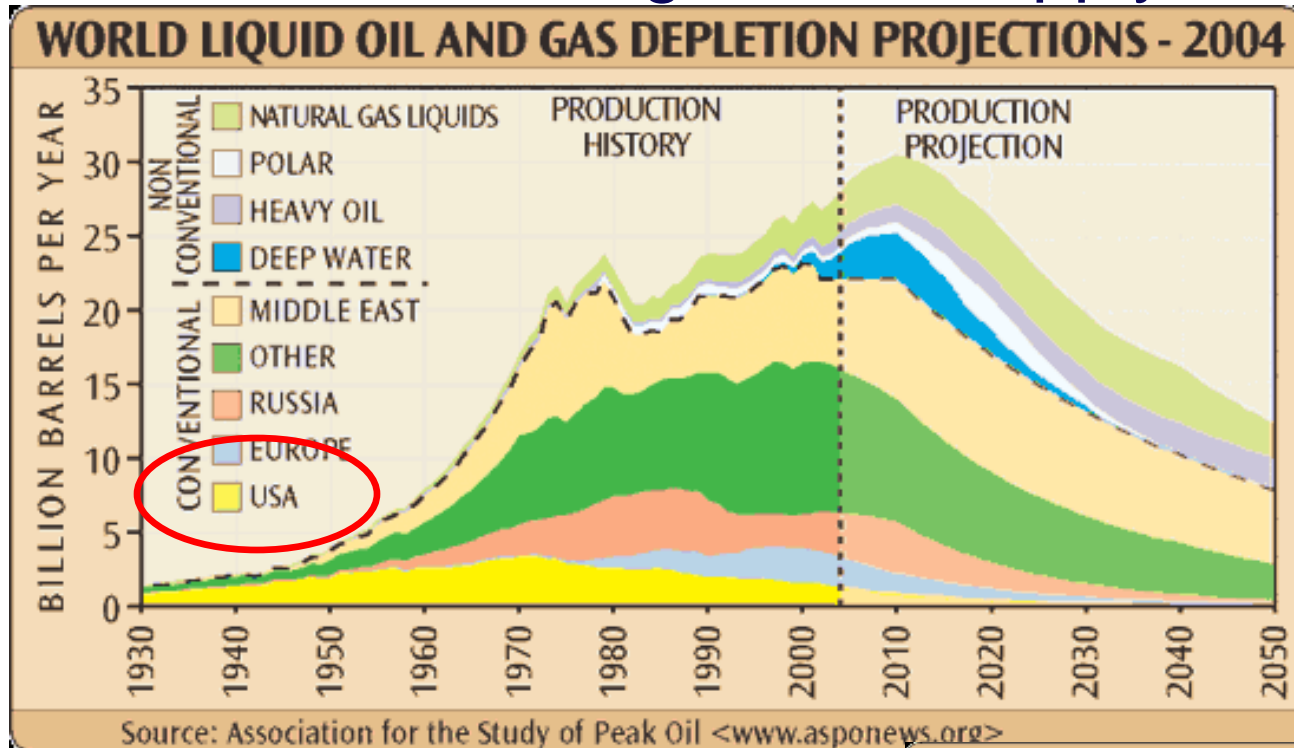
US uses 5B barrels/year – at \$100/barrel = \$500B exported per year

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/may/19/countries-rated-on-oil-security/print/>

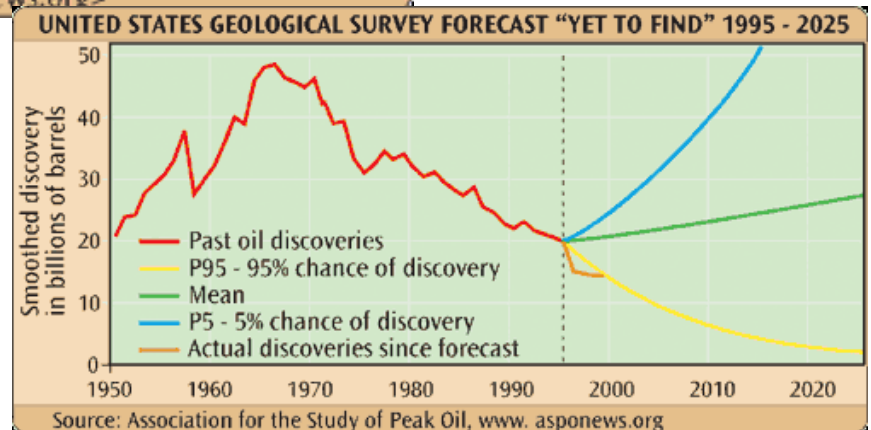
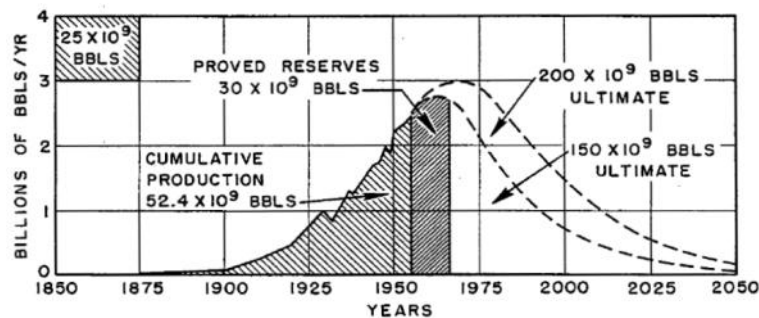




# How long will Oil Supply Last?

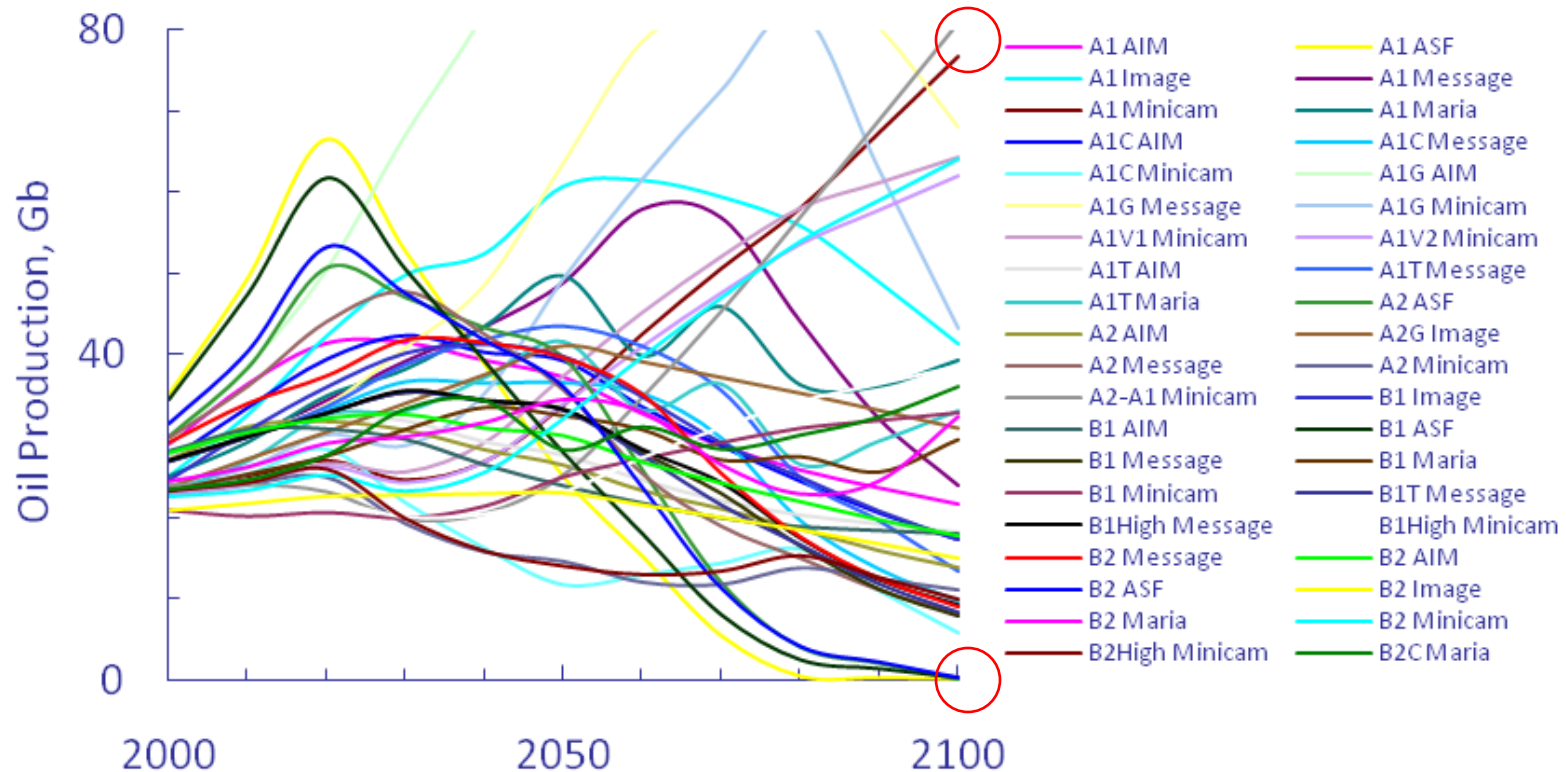


## Similar to Hubbert's Peak - 1956





# Oil Production in the IPCC Scenarios



- Gb = billions of barrels , 1 barrel = 42 gallons = 159 liters
- Ratio of total oil production from largest to smallest is 5:1
- From the IPCC: "... 40 SRES scenarios together encompass the current range of uncertainties"
- In some scenarios, production is rising in 2100 — implied ratio is 10:1
- This large ratio dominates the uncertainty in climate simulations — IPCC *likely* range for sensitivity is 2.0 to 4.5°C for a CO<sub>2</sub> doubling



# Peak oil projections from Chevron's CTO

- “The ‘geological endowment’ of conventional oil--that is, the amount of oil in the Earth--once totaled about **3 trillion barrels**”
- We've used about **1.1 trillion**.
- Oil companies with current technologies can't get it all out of the ground, so maybe there is **a trillion barrels left** for human consumption.
- [http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784\\_3-9803819-7.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784_3-9803819-7.html), Oct 2007
- 1 Trillion barrels / (83M bpd\*365 days) = **33 years**
- If its 2 Trillion barrels its is = **66 years**.
- Must consider usage and supply:
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-QA2rkpBSY>



## Other Consumption Sources

- <http://www.eia.doe.gov/basics/quickoil.html>
- World
- Total World Oil Production (2006) 82,433,000 *barrels/day*
- Total World Petroleum Consumption (2006) 84,979,000 *barrels/day*



- [http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/company\\_level\\_imports/current/import.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/company_level_imports/current/import.html)
- Monthly data on the origins of crude oil imports in March 2009 has been released and it shows that two countries exported more than 1.00 million barrels per day to the United States (see table below). The top five exporting countries accounted for 62 percent of United States crude oil imports in March while the top ten sources accounted for approximately 84 percent of all U.S. crude oil imports. The top sources of US crude oil imports for March were Canada (1.845 million barrels per day), Mexico (1.092 million barrels per day), Venezuela (.949 million barrels per day), Saudi Arabia (0.944 million barrels per day), and Nigeria (0.860 million barrels per day). The rest of the top ten sources, in order, were Angola (0.644 million barrels per day), Iraq (0.587 million barrels per day), Brazil (0.334 million barrels per day), Columbia (0.254 million barrels per day), and Russia (0.219 million barrels per day). Total crude oil imports averaged 9.219 million barrels per day in March, which is an increase of (0.014) million barrels per day from February 2009.



# Coal – base load power



## CHAPTER FOUR

### America's Addiction to Coal

We get 52 percent of our electricity from coal-fired plants. They emit 2 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. Can clean coal technology be developed – and in time?

In the Wyoming Powder River Basin, they shovel 1M tons/day – 35 miles of Union Pacific trains/day

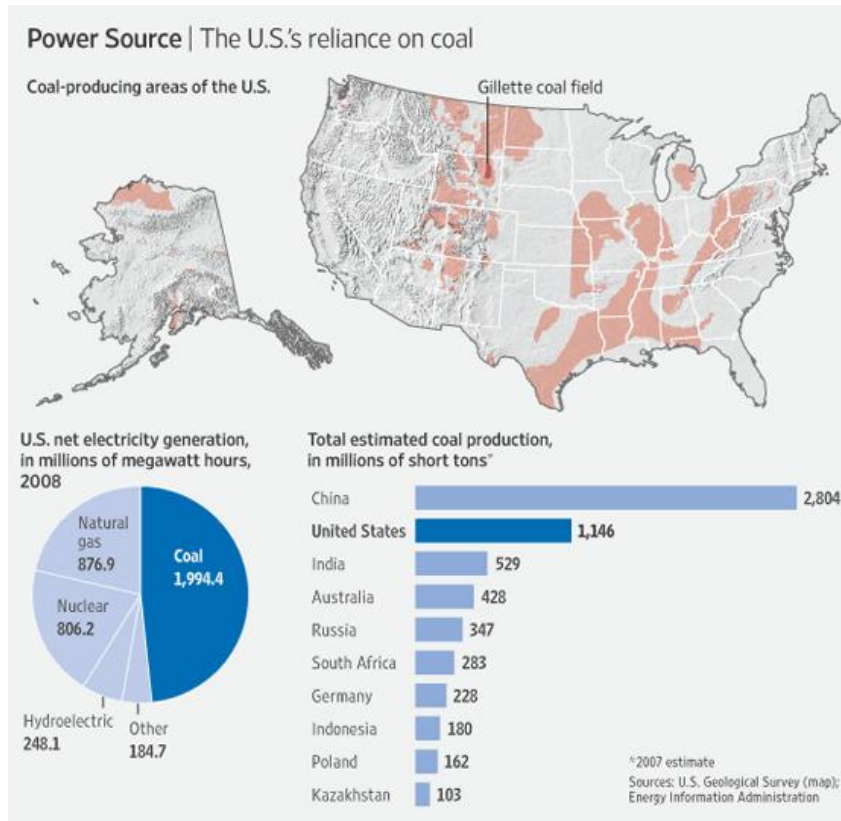
PBS “Heat” Watch Online:  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/heat/>





Wall Street Journal, June 8, 2009, Rebecca Smith

Last year, the U.S. Geological Survey completed an extensive analysis of Wyoming's Gillette coal field, the nation's largest and most productive, and determined that **less than 6% of the coal in its biggest beds could be mined profitably, even at prices higher than today's.**



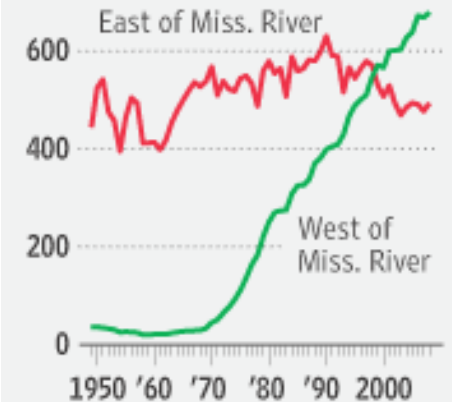
Mining companies report they have to dig deeper and move more earth to extract coal from aging mines, driving up costs.

David Rutledge, an electrical-engineering professor at the California Institute of Technology who has studied global coal production, figures the U.S. has about half as much recoverable reserves as the government says, which would work out to about **120 years' worth.**

## Peak Coal

U.S. bituminous coal production by region:

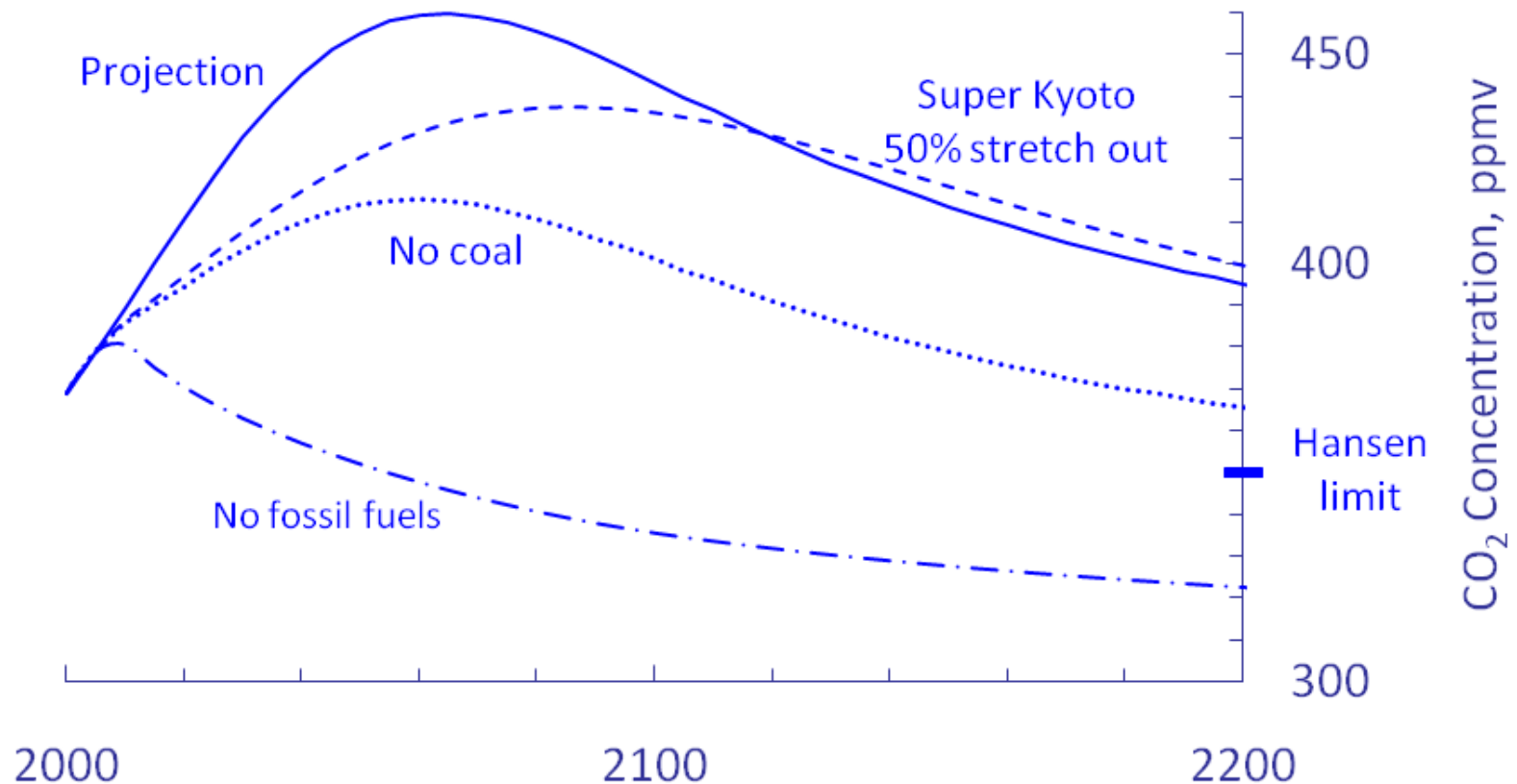
800 million short tons



Source: Energy Information Administration



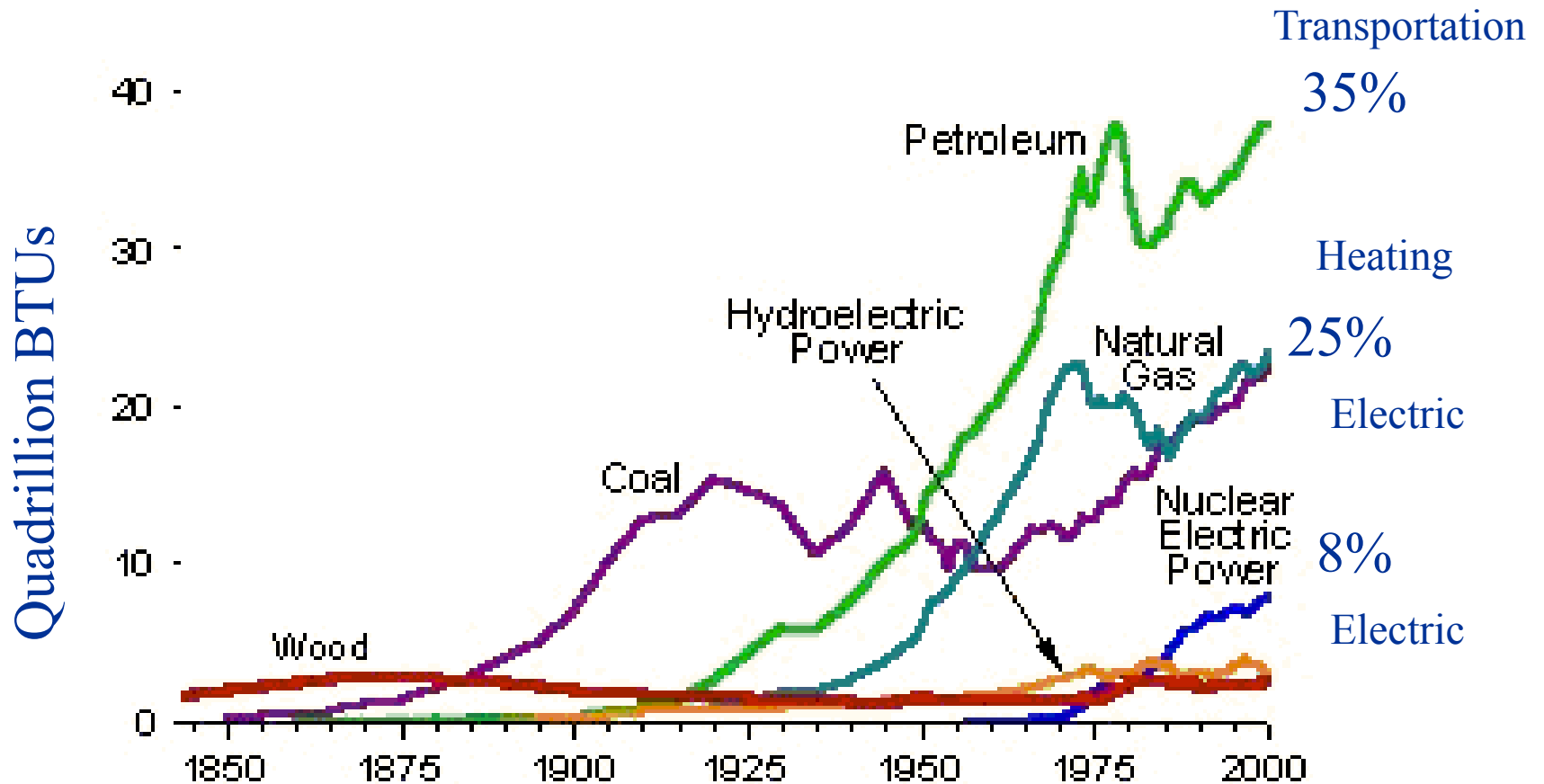
# Carbon-Dioxide Levels



- ppmv = parts per million by volume
- Carbon-dioxide levels recover slowly
- What are the impacts of CO<sub>2</sub>? Are the limits achievable?



# US Energy Consumption





# THE PROBLEM STATEMENT (?)

- Maintain 2-3%/yr GDP growth in this century
  - A combination of new carbon-emission-free primary power sources are needed
    - 100-300% over present fossil fuel sources by 2050
  - AND efficiency-improving technologies will be needed
  - Including SMART Grid & Energy Storage
- {to also keep global warming < 2 degrees Celsius\* (CO<sub>2</sub> < 500 ppm)}
- {help maintain the food chain/life in the oceans}

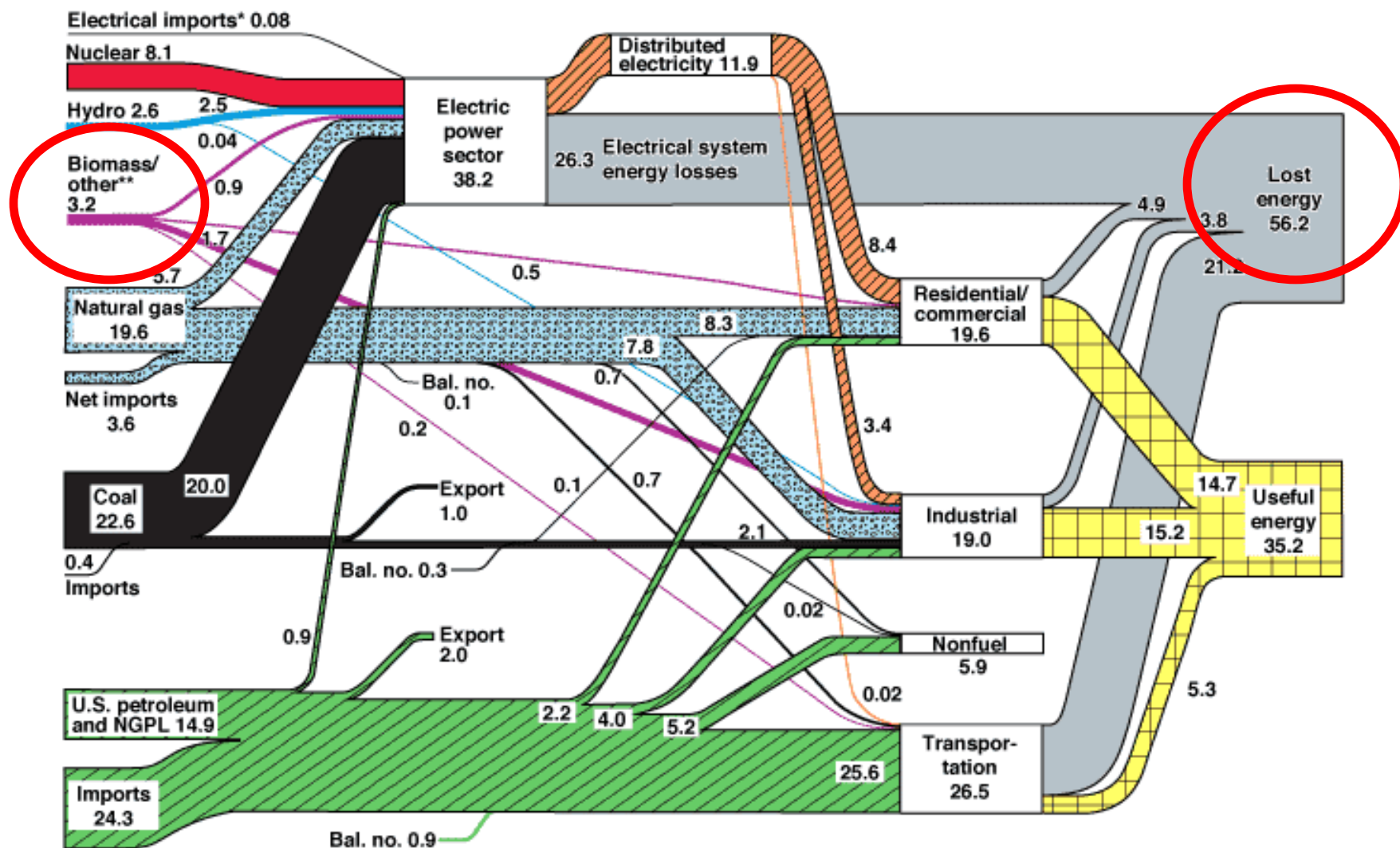


# What is the renewable status?



# U.S. Energy Flow Trends – 2002

## Net Primary Resource Consumption ~97 Quads



Source: Production and end-use data from Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2002*.

\*Net fossil fuel electrical imports.

\*\*Biomass/other includes wood, waste, alcohol, geothermal, solar, and wind.

June 2004  
Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory  
<http://eed.llnl.gov/flow>

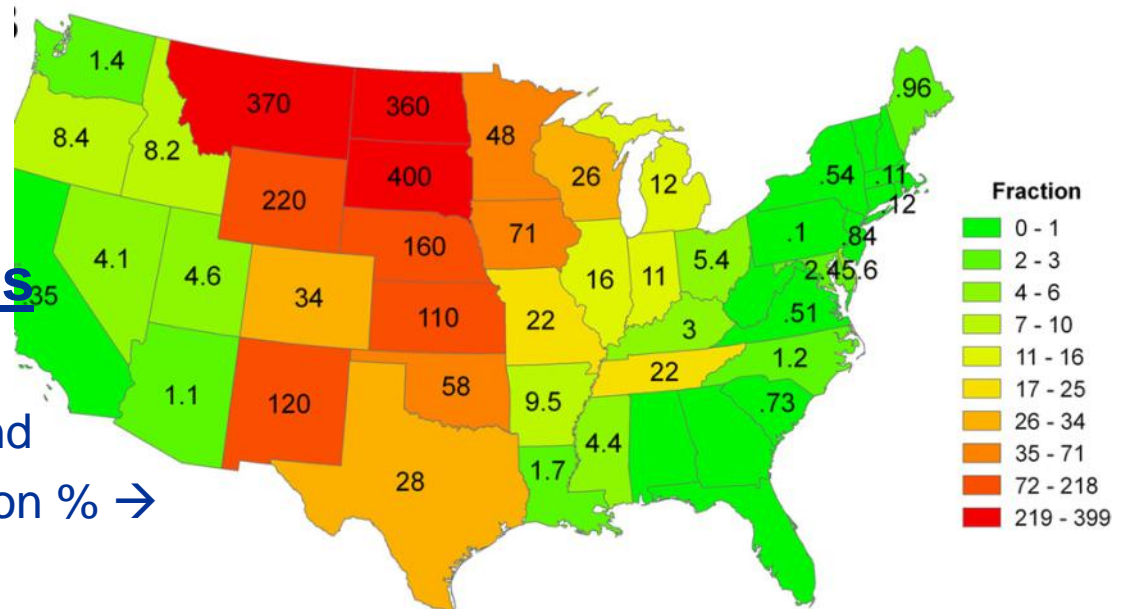


# Wind: A Brighter Picture?

- **Global potential for wind-generated electricity**
- **Xi Lua, M.B. McElroya, and J. Kiviluomac, Harvard**
- <http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2009/06/19/0904101106>
- a network of land-based 2.5-megawatt turbines
- restricted to nonforested, ice-free, nonurban areas
- operating at as little as 20% of their rated capacity
- could supply >40 times current worldwide consumption of electricity

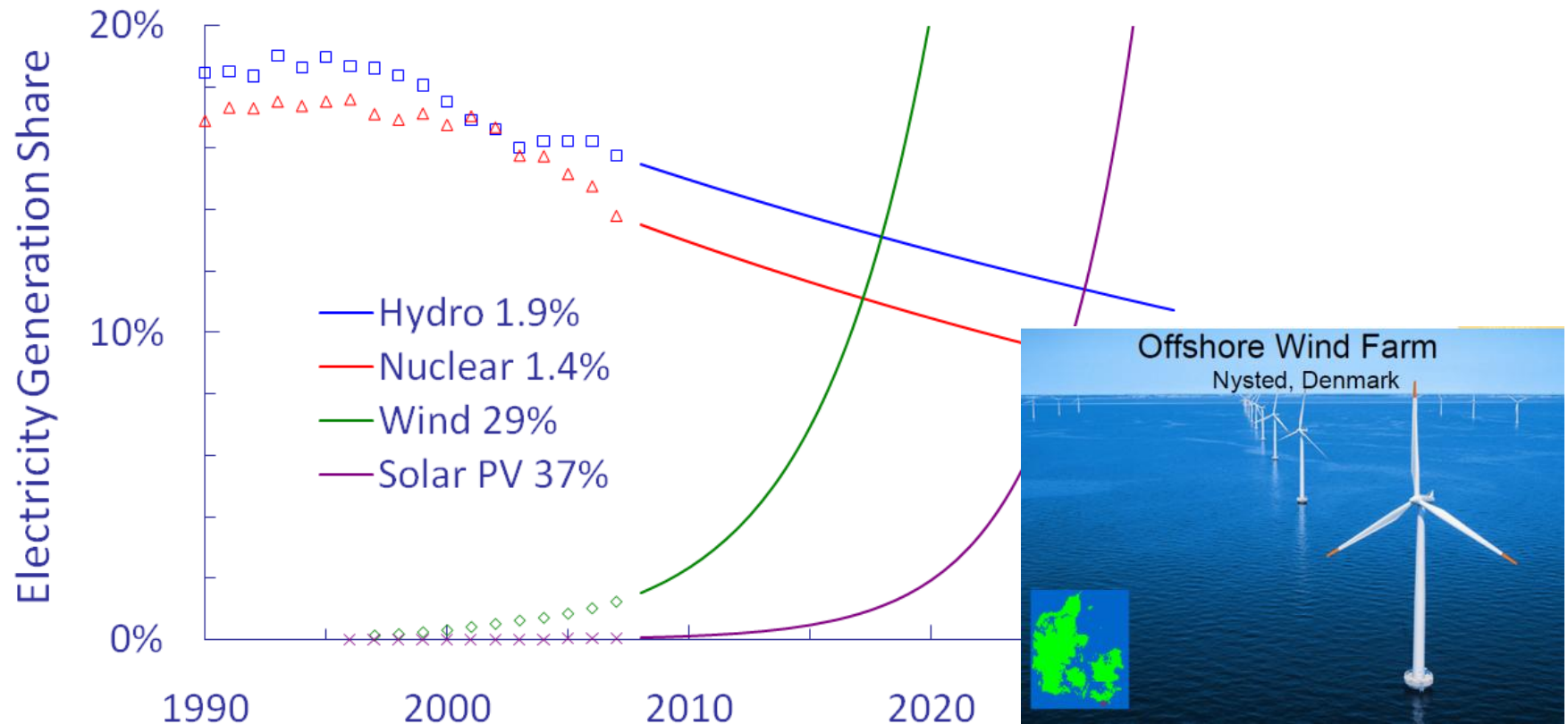
- **>5 times total**  
**global use of**  
**energy in all forms**

Excess LAND Wind  
Production % →





# Trends for Alternatives



- These are the compound growth rates for the last ten years
- The comparable growth rate for world electricity has been 3.6%
- No production trends yet for fossil-fuel alternatives like oil shale and methane hydrates. Previous predictions of imminent substantial production have been wrong.

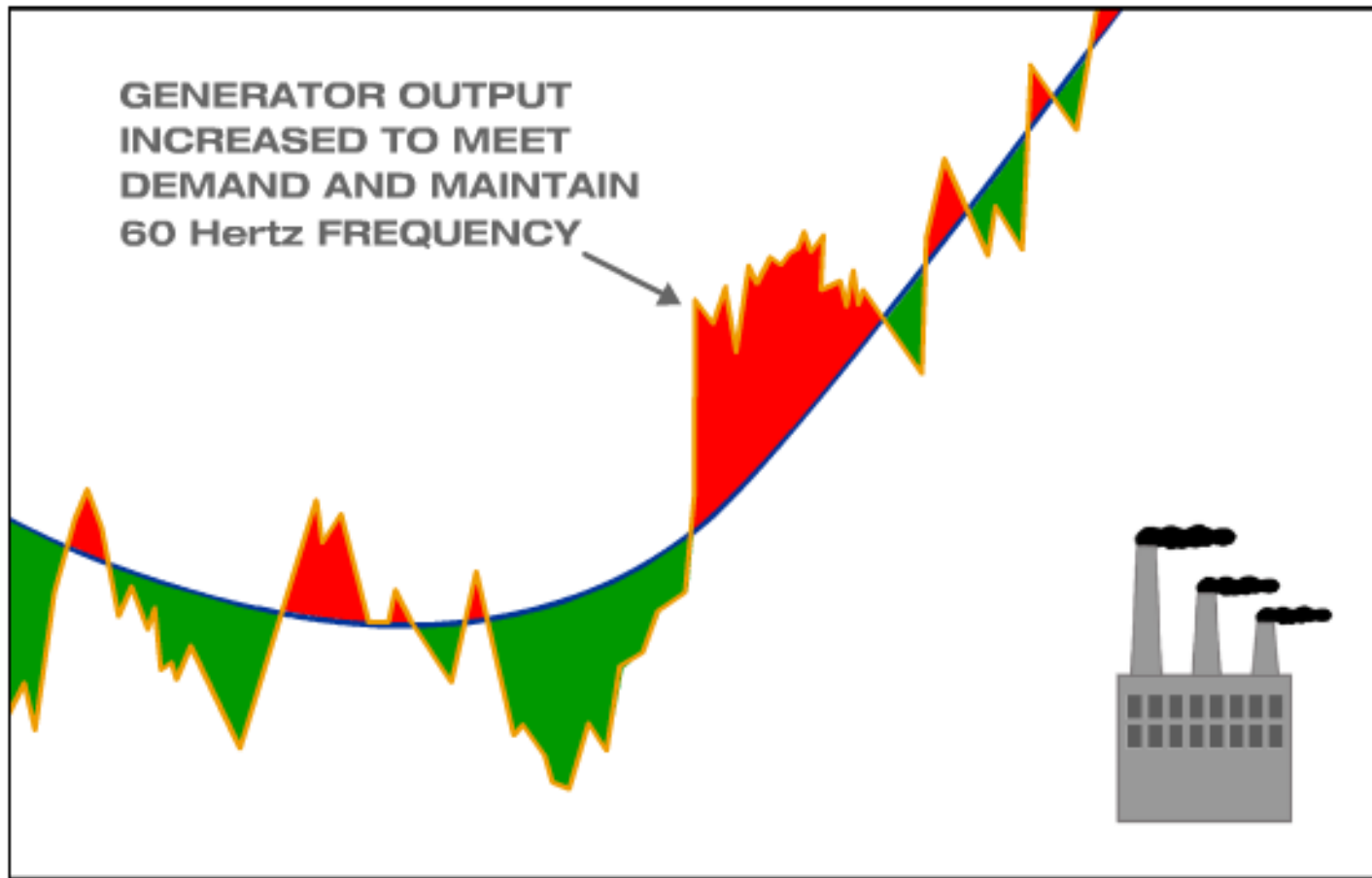


Are flywheels a key technology for  
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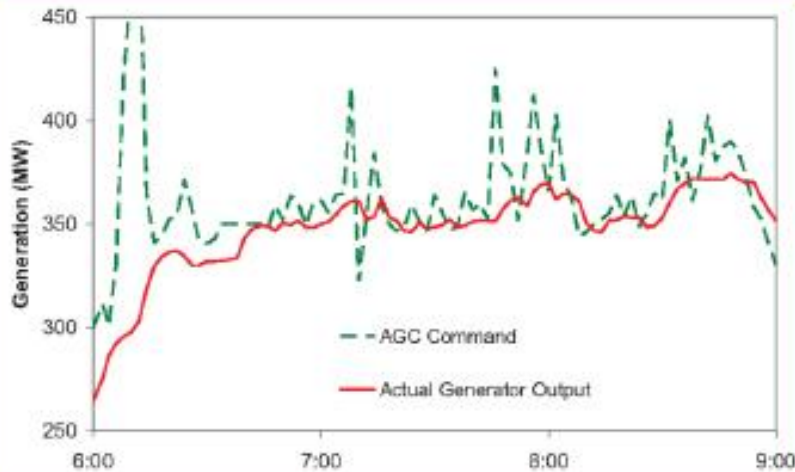
# Beacon– Frequency Regulation

Flywheels and Frequency Regulation - (2:44)



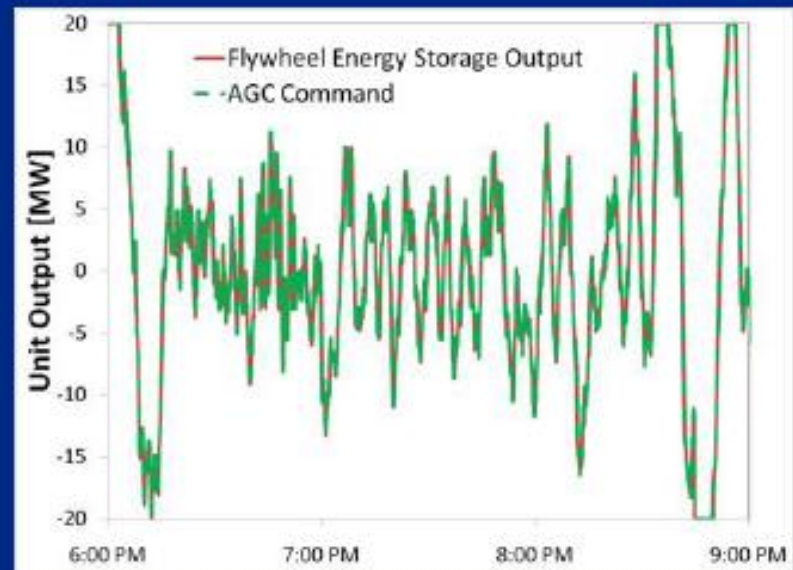


# Fast Regulation: Speed Matters...



A coal fired power plant poorly following an AGC regulation command signal

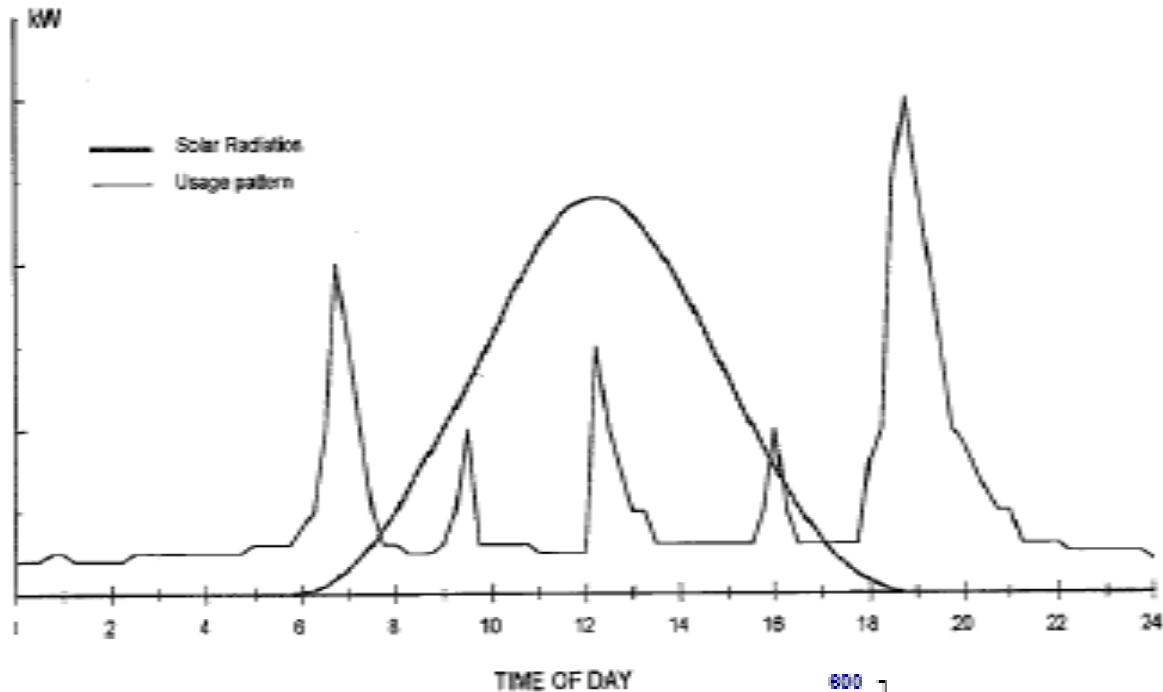
Energy Storage accurately following an AGC regulation command signal



Flywheels provide near-instantaneous response

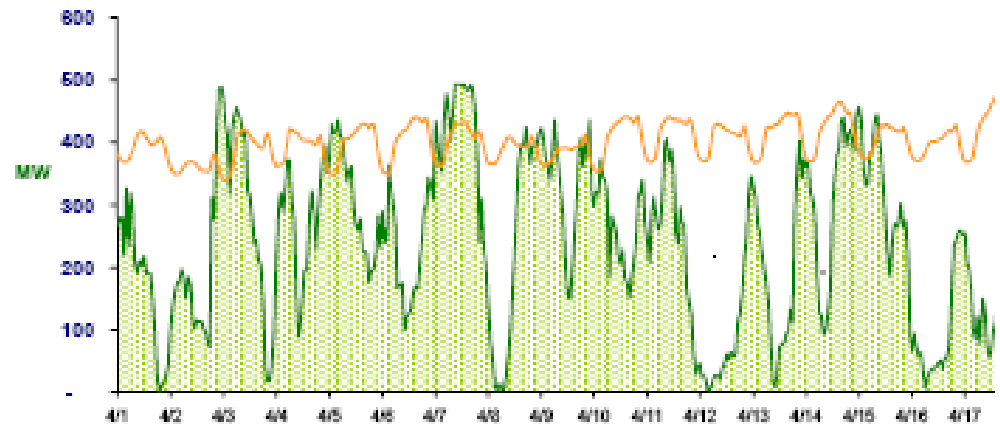


# Electrical Usage Pattern vs Solar, Wind



Energy Storage is  
Needed to Match  
the Load to  
Demand

Hours



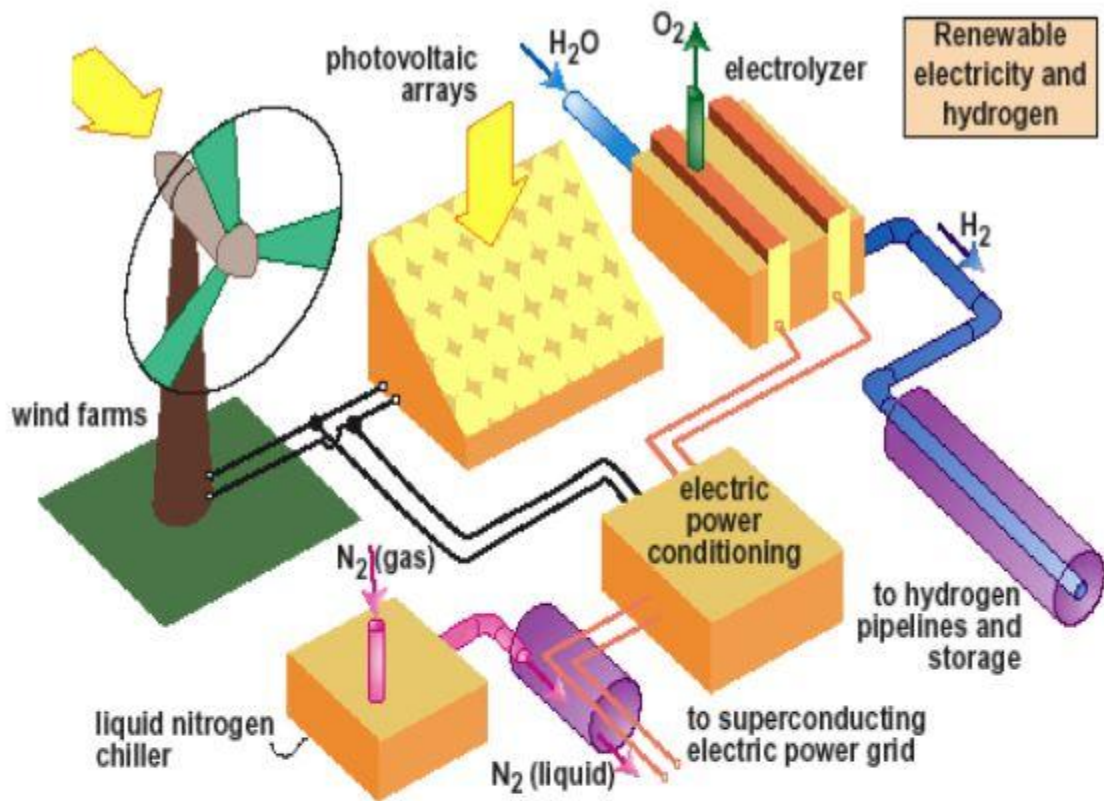
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# Dr. Martin Hoffert

- Emeritus professor of physics at New York University
- “We are living in two parallel worlds:
  - a world of ...what we should be doing about climate change and energy
  - and the real world of what we are doing.
- **In regard to renewables, we’re building the wrong infrastructure.**
- If we want renewable energy, then I think the greatest potential is from **solar and wind**, which are intermittent, dispersed and low power density sources, but we don’t have the right kind of electric utility grids to accommodate those energy sources.
- **we’re not talking about what types of grids will provide the transmission and storage capabilities to allow renewable energy to provide roughly thirty percent of our nation’s energy.”**

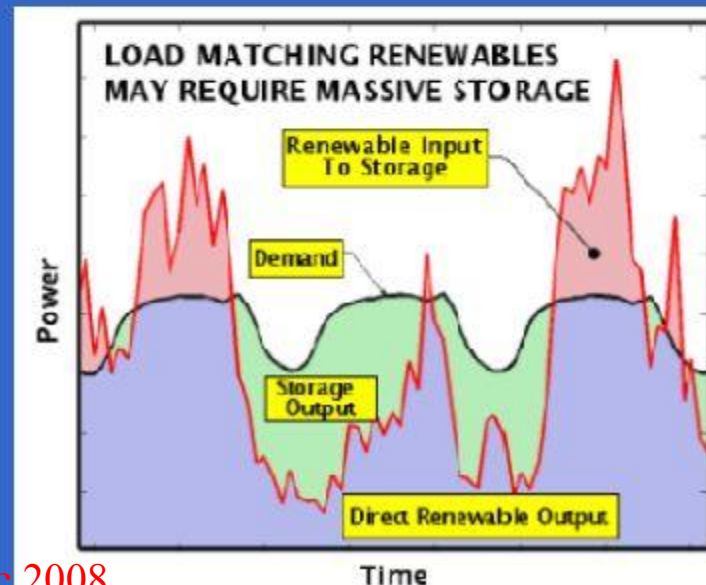




- Denmark, world leader in wind-generated electricity, achieved ~ 20% penetration largely by backing-up intermittent winds with pumped storage in Norway's 100% hydro-powered grid.

- BUT: Hydro is near-saturation worldwide & not an option in most locales

**MASS-PRODUCED & WIDELY DISTRIBUTED SOLAR PV AND THERMAL ALONG WITH WIND COULD GENERATE 10-30 TW GLOBALLY EMISSION-FREE IF TRANSMISSION & STORAGE PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED**





# Ohio Hydroelectric Power Plant Scrapped

- Hydroelectric power plant at Gorge Metro Dam is scrapped after EPA, Summit County Metro Parks, environmentalists complain
- by [Michael Scott/Plain Dealer Reporter](#) Wednesday June 24, 2009

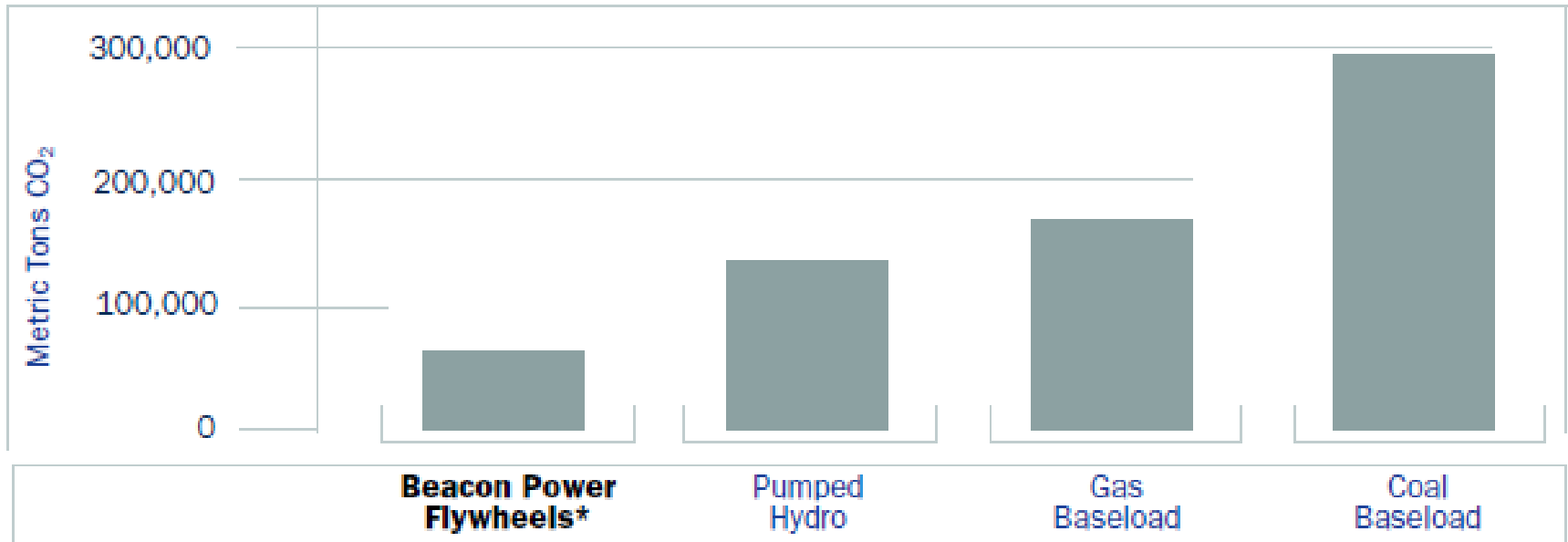




# Beacon Power – Grid Regulation Technology

## Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

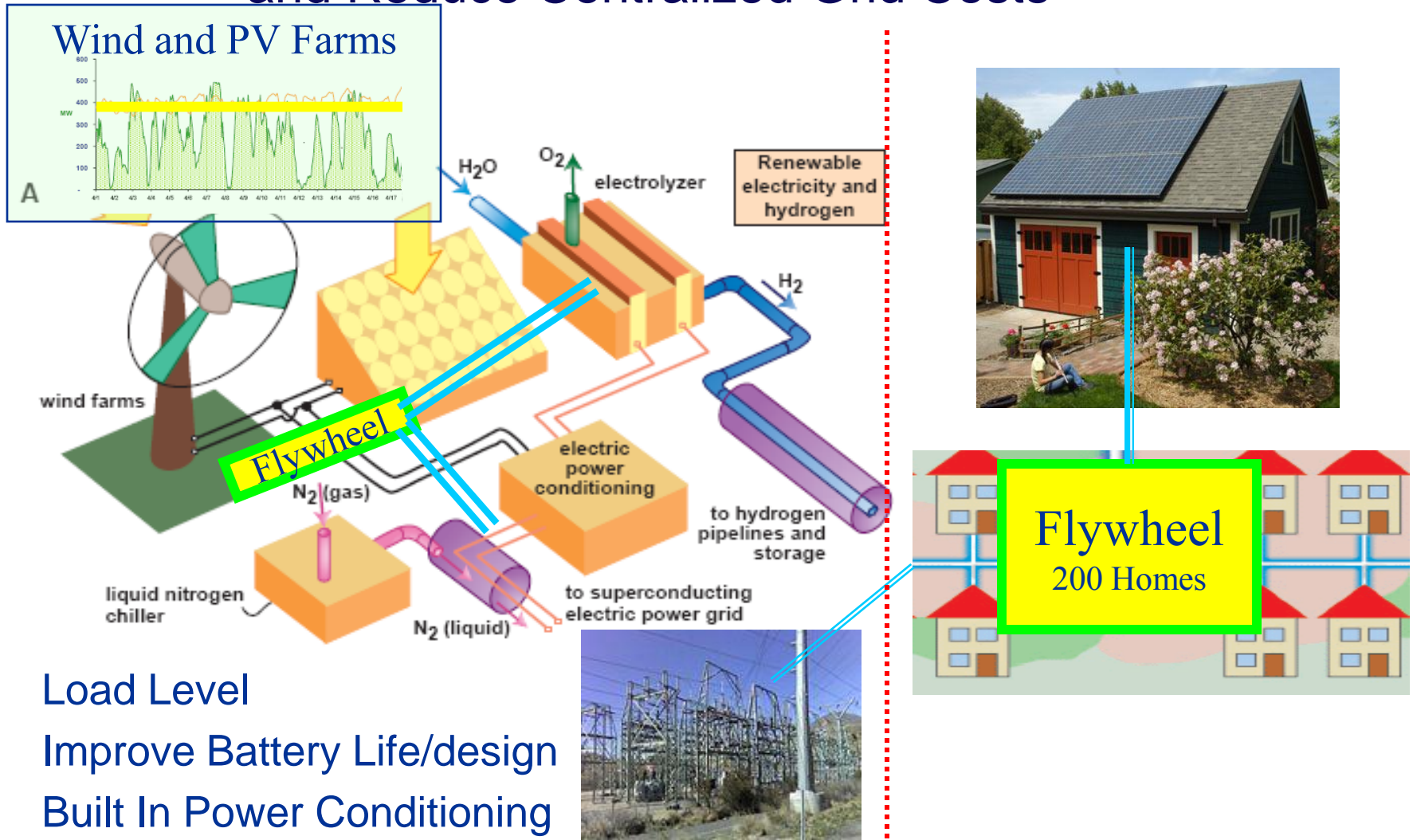
20 MW of regulation over 20-year operating life



[www.beaconpower.com](http://www.beaconpower.com)



# Flywheels Enable Decentralized Renewable Energy and Reduce Centralized Grid Costs



Martin Hoffert, et. al., "Advanced Technology Paths to Global Climate Stability: Energy for a Greenhouse Planet"



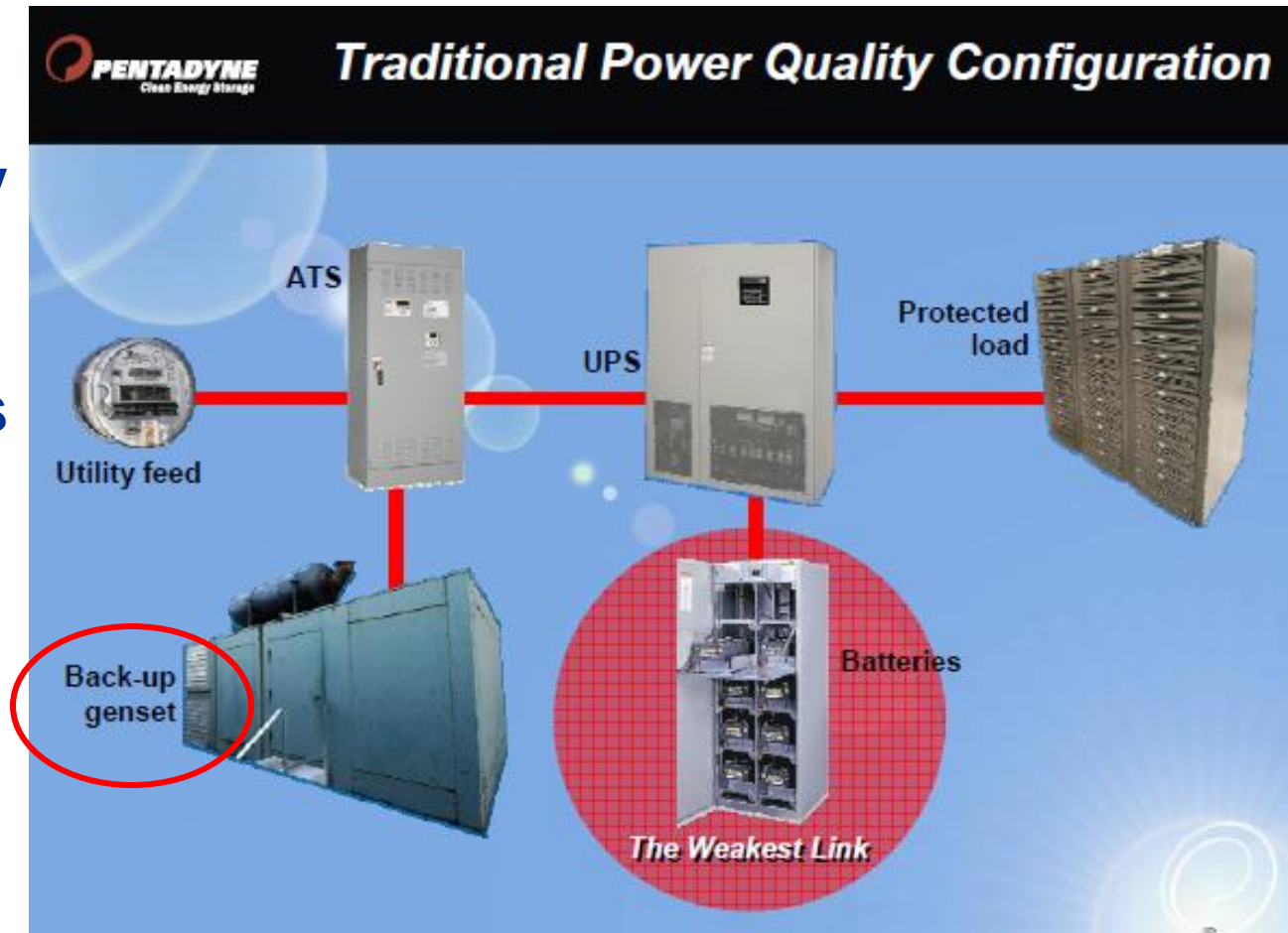
# What are the Commercial Products?



# Pentadyne #1 in Worldwide Sales of Flywheel Energy Storage Systems for UPS

Pentadyne  
Flywheel Energy  
Storage Fleet  
Exceeds 4M  
Operating Hours

Over 750 Units  
Sold



[www.pentadyne.com](http://www.pentadyne.com)



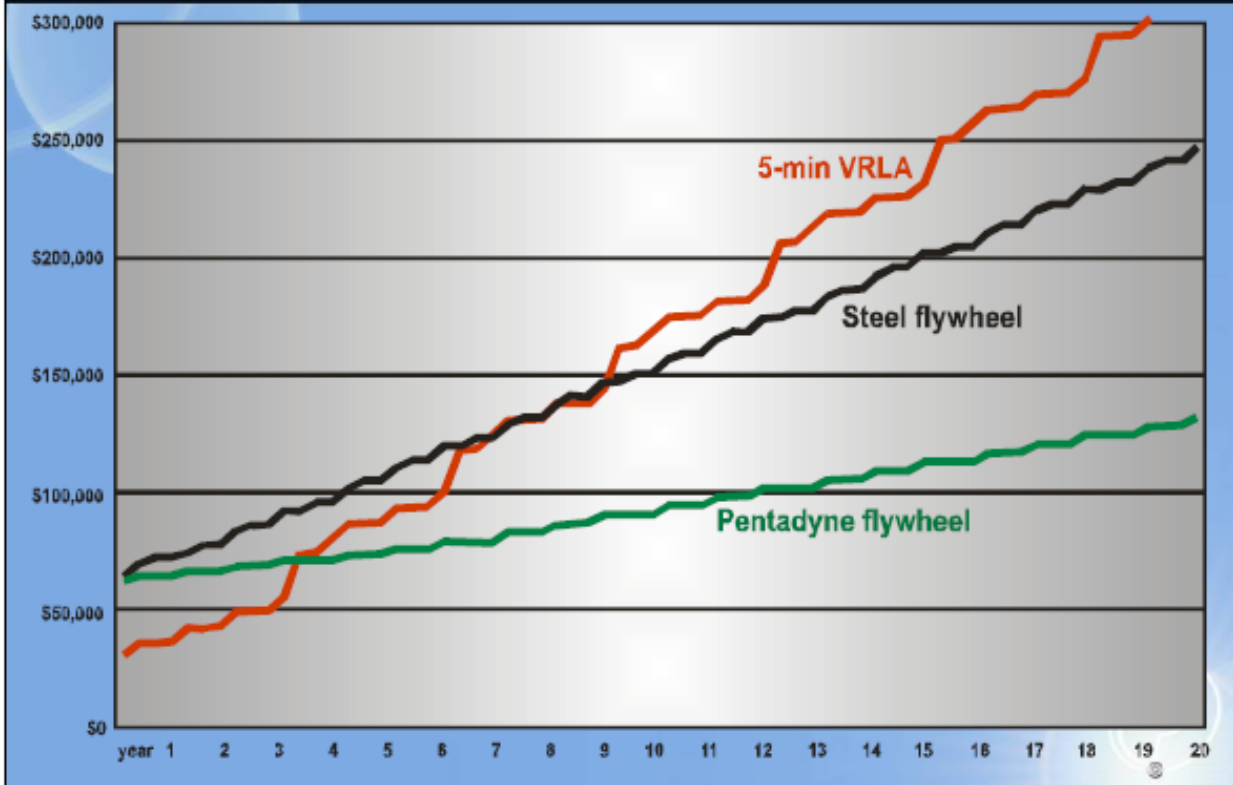


- Innovative clean energy storage for UPSs & energy recycling
  - Multiple innovation awards for both the product and company
- Proven product in volume production
  - >750 units sold and shipped
  - >400 in the last 18 months
  - #1 in flywheel production
  - #1 in staff/talent focused solely on flywheels
  - Nearly 4 million hours of proven reliable fleet operation
- Top channel partners
  - World's leading UPS manufacturers in the U.S., Europe and Asia





## The OTHER Green Advantage



Each Pentadyne flywheel will save more than \$100,000 in operating costs over that of our nearest competitor's product. Compared to lead-acid batteries, the savings per cabinet are more than \$150,000. The above cost comparison is inclusive of operating energy costs, maintenance and HVAC energy use, but not inclusive of ancillary equipment costs, such as HVAC equipment, acid-spill containment, health & safety equipment, floorspace, fire hazard permitting, explosive gas sensors, etc.



## ***Critical Need: Storage vs. Generation***

**The 1st 10 seconds matter 100% of the time**  
**The next 10+ seconds matter less than 1%**

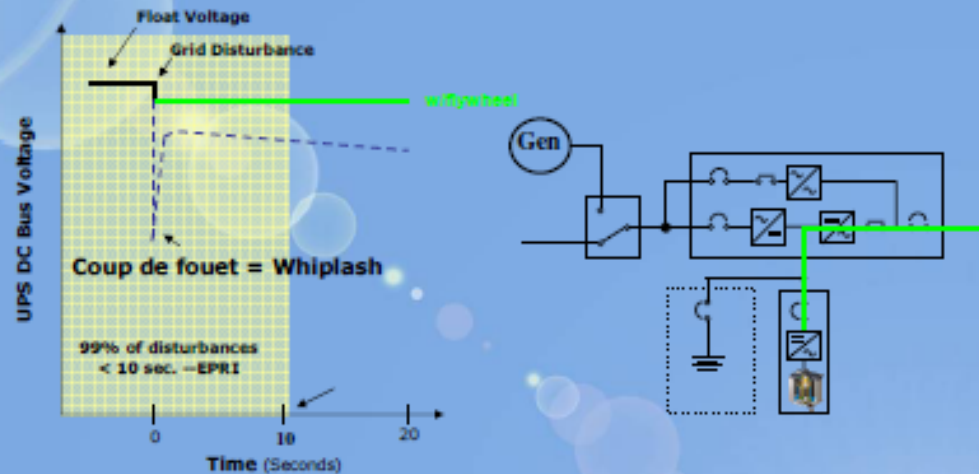


**99%  
of all power  
disturbances  
last less than  
10 seconds**

- EPRI confirms 99% of power disturbances are <10 sec.
- Energy storage matters 100% of the time; backup genset power is needed <1%
- IEEE data confirms outages >60 sec. occurred an average of only 1.5 times per utility customer over the last decade



## Battery "Whiplash" Prevented

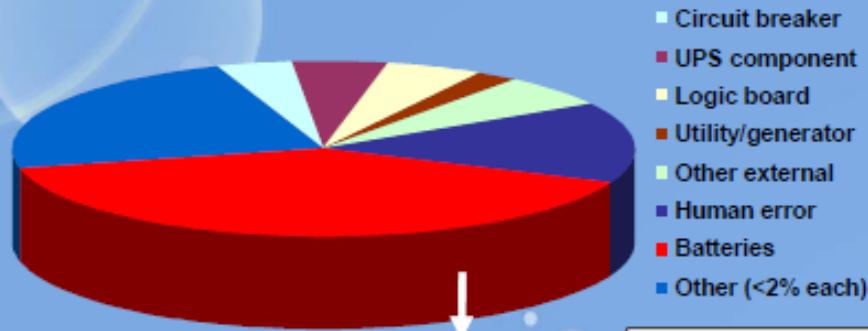


- Programmable discharge is set above the battery discharge voltage
- Flywheel isolates the batteries from ALL short-term cycling events
- If event lasts longer than flywheel capacity, flywheel gently rolls down voltage into the battery set; eliminating battery coup de fouet

When used in parallel with batteries, the programmable discharge voltage of the Pentadyne flywheel is set higher than that of the batteries. In an extended outage, the flywheel discharges to carry the load and smoothly transition it into the generator. The battery set sees a sub-second surface discharge 1/20<sup>th</sup> that of the flywheel current, but experiences no cycling. Running Pentadyne systems parallel with battery strings eliminates the coup de fouet effect that causes battery cells to age and fail. If an outage lasts longer than the flywheel runtime and a genset is not present, the flywheel will roll the voltage down into the lead acid batteries, avoiding that chemical whiplash event.

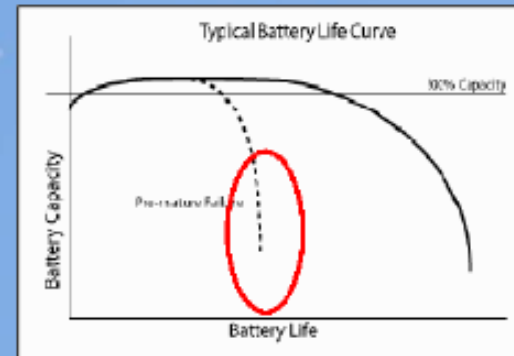


## Leading Cause of Dropped Loads



### Leading cause of failure: batteries

- Corrosion, normal aging process
- Drying out: the most common cause
- Premature failure
  - Use/number of discharges
  - Improper voltage charge
  - Temperature >75°F
  - Excess charge current
  - Stained battery terminals



Problem is, batteries are the leading cause of dropped load incidents. As the weakest link in the chain, many facilities opt for a redundant string of batteries to hedge their bets. But the bottom line is that having two weak links in the UPS chain isn't much better than one.



		Pentadyne Flywheel	Lead-Acid Batteries
Lifecycle Cost	Installation cost	Low	High
	Footprint	Small	Medium to Large
	Maintenance	Very infrequent	Frequent
	Life expectancy	>20 Years	2 – 4 years
	Standby energy use	Low	Low
	Air conditioning cost	None	Medium
Reliability	Recharge	Very rapid	Very slow
	Diagnostics and monitoring	Precise, real-time	Speculative
	Known state of charge	Yes	Unpredictable
	Dropped load MTBF	>900,000 hours	~10,000 hours
Environment and Safety	Operating temperature range	Broad	Narrow
	Hazardous materials	None	Yes
	Explosive and toxic gas emissions	None	Yes
	Disposal requirements	None	Yes
	Ventilation requirements	None	Yes



- **Elimination of Hazardous Materials**

- No lead mining, smelting, transport, etc.
- No lead disposal
- No sulfuric acid disposal
- No greenhouse gas emissions
- No disposal/replacement after only a few years of service
  - Lasts 20+ years

"Lead is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in US for all hazardous materials and requires proper disposal" - EPA

- **Energy Reduction**

- Only 250 W "float" charge
  - 1/10<sup>th</sup> that of other flywheels
  - Annual savings
    - 20,000 kWh/unit deployed
    - 26,000 lbs of carbon emissions/unit deployed
- Rapid recharge in seconds
- No cooling requirements





### Mineta San José International Airport: California



- 50kVA UPS
- 1 flywheel
- Protecting radar and other critical loads
- Battery parallel
  - Flywheel is first line of defense
- Ride-through to genset
- Drivers:
  - Reliability issues
  - Maintenance issues

Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport serves the Silicon Valley and Greater San Francisco Bay Area. The airport moves about 10 million passengers per year. The Pentadyne system there operates in parallel with a redundant set of UPS batteries. In this configuration, the Pentadyne system is the first line of defense against all power issues, isolating the batteries from any such events.



### Cache Creek Casino: California



- 1000-kVA UPS
- 5 flywheels (and plans for 5 more)
- Parallel with 3-minute batteries
- Protecting electronic gaming
- Drivers:
  - Reduce maintenance
  - Increase reliability
  - Reduce number of batteries
  - Reduce O&O costs
  - Extend life of redundant batteries
  - Environmental responsibility



Cache Creek Casino outside of Sacramento is one of the largest Native American gaming facilities in the United States. Situated in a rural area, they were at the end of a PG&E utility line and often suffering very poor power quality and reliability. Frequent power interruptions were killing their battery sets at an alarming rate. They now use a bank of five Pentadyne-made Liebert FS systems on their 1 MVA Liebert 610. Because the FS array can smoothly roll off voltage into a battery set if the generators could not come online, this enables the use of a **3-minute** battery set – something you could never do with batteries alone due to coup de fouet issues.



### Louisiana State Police Crime Lab



- 150-kVA UPS
- Ride-through to genset
- No batteries
- Drivers:
  - Frequent power quality issues
  - Batteries had dropped load
  - Reduce O&O costs
  - Eliminate batteries
  - Significantly reduce maintenance
  - Unconditioned space

This high-tech crime investigation lab in Baton Rouge has a range of laboratory devices on their UPS. The UPS, switchgear and energy storage are all in an unconditioned power room off the main building. Considering the heat they get down in Southern Louisiana, that's no place for batteries. But the flywheel has an ambient operating temperature range even greater than that of the other equipment. And because it is so energy efficient, it contributes very, very little to the heat in that room: only 1,000 Btu/hr.





### KDEN Digital TV: Colorado

- 225-kVA UPS for two DCX Paragon DT
- One flywheel
- Eliminated batteries
- Ride-through to genset
- Reduce O&O costs
- Unconditioned space



This NBC-Telemundo digital TV transmission site in a remote area outside of Denver has eliminated the many frequent trips previously needed to diagnose battery cell issues and wire in replacement batteries.



### Scripps Green Hospital: California



- 500-kVA UPS
- 3 flywheels
- Eliminated existing batteries
- Catheterization lab equipment
- Ride-through to gensets
- Drivers:
  - Space constraints
  - Eliminate batteries
    - Frequent battery issues
    - Not enough space to expand
    - "We just can't take risks"
  - Patient safety & reliability of care
  - Eliminate maintenance
  - Reduce O&O costs

Heart catheterization lab equipment is notorious for pulse loads that UPS systems just can't rectify quickly enough, so energy for those sub-second inrushes have to come out of the UPS energy storage. With hundreds of those occurring every week, it's no wonder that cath labs, MRIs, CT scanners and other imaging equipment burn through so-called 10-year VRLA batteries in just 12-18 months. Flywheels, on the other hand, are completely unaffected by such frequent cycling.



# Energy Recycling - VYCON



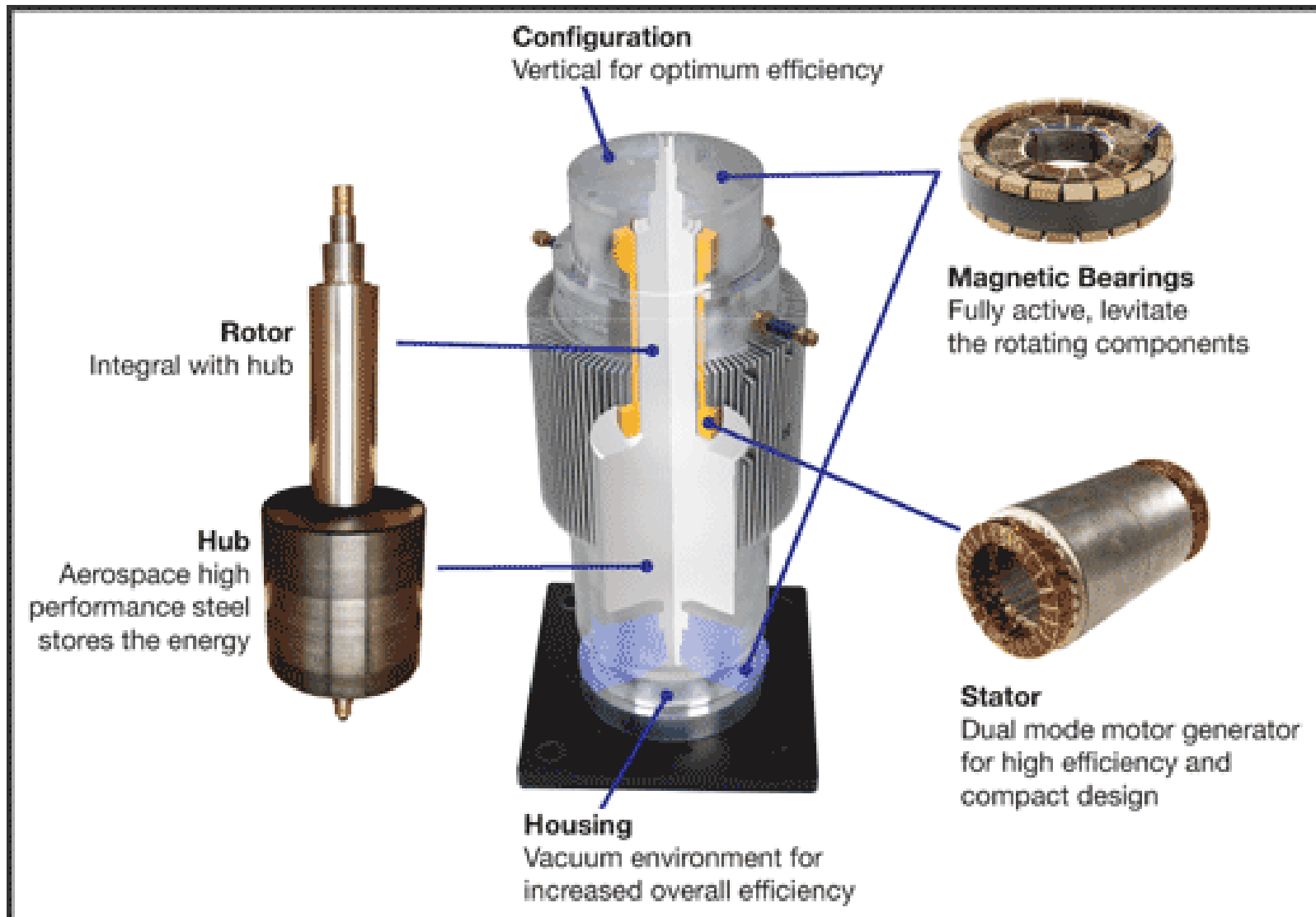
- In ship & rail yards, cranes move containers every min
- Usually powered with on-board diesel generator set
- Regenerate power during braking and lowering rather than resistor bank
- Cranes, Rail, Wind, Elevators, .....

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# Vycon





# Our Primary Business Model

- Selling services that are essential to the grid (24/7)
- Serving large open and established markets
- Endorsed by the customer (i.e. grid operators)
- Achieves carbon reduction
- NOT dependent on selling equipment
- NOT dependent on an “emerging” market
- NOT dependent on subsidies





# Government Policy Support



- Department of Energy stimulus funding
  - More available than in previous 20 years
- Storage Technology of Renewable and Green Energy Act of 2009 (STORAGE)
  - Proposed by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) as S.1091
  - 20% credit for energy storage – including flywheels
- Proposed Renewable Electricity Standard (RES)
  - Waxman – Markey bill H.R. 2454; first national standard for renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Grid Access Act of 2009 (net metering)
  - Proposed by Sen. Menendez (D.-NJ) as S.989



# DOE Stimulus Funding



- Stimulus grants for Smart Grid project(s)
  - Have submitted proposals for ARPA-E grants
  - Will apply for energy storage for frequency regulation demonstration project (\$40-50 million, DOE FOA-36)
  - Will pursue other Funding Opportunity Announcements as they are released
- State-disbursed funds (from Stimulus or other)



# ISO New England Status – 1<sup>st</sup> MW



- Alternative Technologies Regulation Pilot Program
  - Began commercial operation at start of program in Nov. 2008
  - First regulation services revenue being generated
  - ISO NE now using modified and improved control signal
  - Negotiated much lower cost for electricity consumed





# ISO New England Status – 2<sup>nd</sup> MW



- Second MW (10 flywheels) now running outside
- Expect to be online later this month
- Will run and earn revenue until deployed to NY or OH





# 20 MW New York ISO Status



- New NYISO market rules completed and implemented for energy storage to provide regulation service
- 20 MW plant interconnection application in process
  - System impact study is complete
- \$2 million awarded by NYSERDA for 1<sup>st</sup> MW in Stephentown
- 1 MW permits and approvals in place (NYSEG)





# PJM Project: 1 MW with AEP



- 1 MW system on a 13.2 kV distribution circuit
- Located at AEP's R&D site in Groveport, OH
- Interconnection process complete
- Planned for construction start in late 2009
- PJM is upgrading control signaling for energy storage





# Beacon will analyze future shipboard energy storage needs for NAVY-- a mini-grid



<http://earth2tech.com/2009/02/04/flywheel-energy-storage-hits-the-high-seas/>



- Tehachapi Wind Power Integration Project
  - Evaluate how energy storage can help relieve constrained transmission capacity in wind farm
  - Prime contractor requested 12-mo. extension
  - Beacon ready to deliver flywheel system when needed; expected shipment 2H 2009
- PNNL Phase II contract
  - Co-optimize flywheel energy storage and hydropower
  - Mitigate wind and solar power intermittency for Bonneville Power Authority and California ISO



What are the NASA flywheel program and applications?

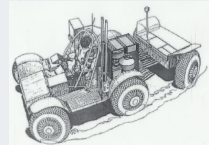


# Flywheels, Solving a Tough Problem

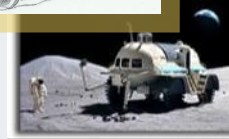
- Future NASA missions require a new generation of reliable, long life and low maintenance systems designed to function as low as  $-147^{\circ}\text{C}$
- No energy storage exists that can provide practical discharge rates within a wide temperature range without significant auxiliary equipment

## Flywheel Advantages

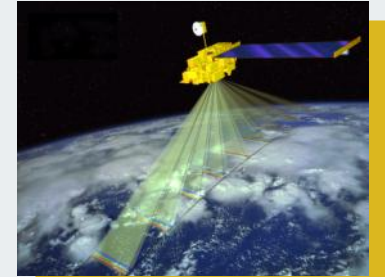
- High specific energy
- 15 year life
- High peak power with no life impacts (for excavation, steep climbs, reboost)
- Large ( $-45$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) temperature range
- Fault Isolation eliminates electronics
- Fault tolerance at component level
- Built in health monitoring
- Known state of charge



Rover Energy Storage with Large Peak Power for ISRU Excavation



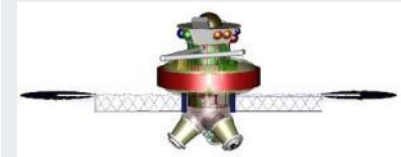
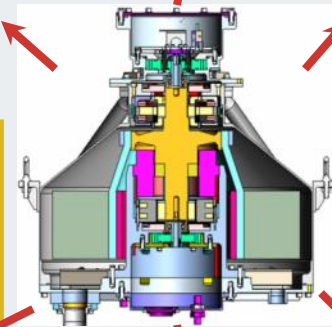
High Peak/Pulse Power for Advanced Propulsion Systems



Integrated Power and Attitude Control for Low Earth to Lunar Orbit Satellites



Tethers for Satellite Reboost and Orbit Transfer



ISS



Lunar Energy Storage



Flywheel replacement for ISS batteries would save over 250 million in hardware, launch costs

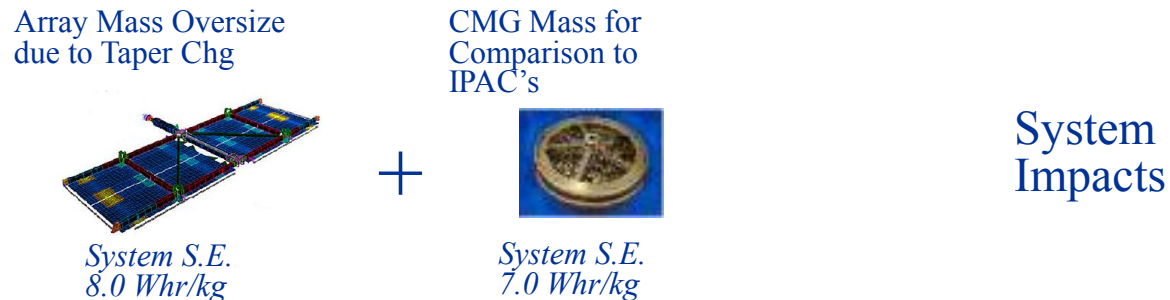
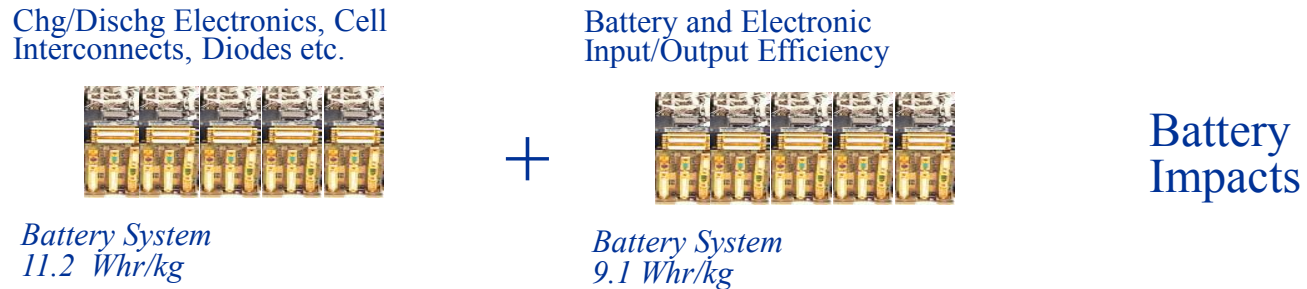
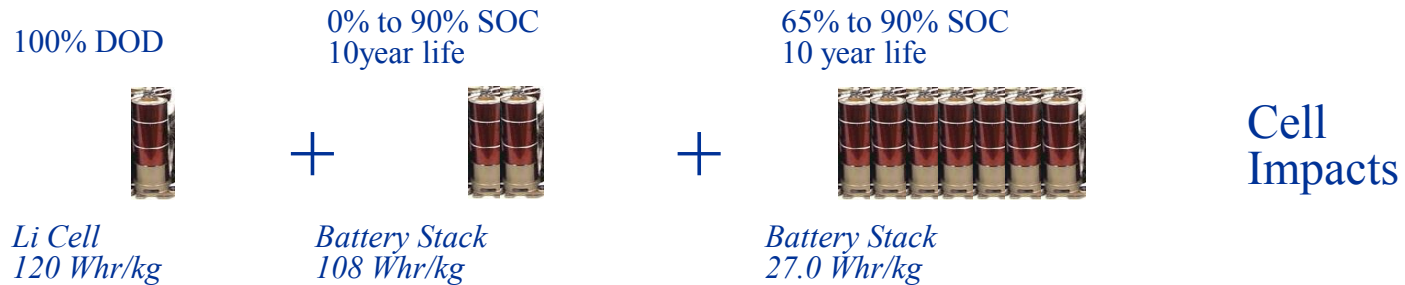


# Space Flywheel Applications

- ISS Energy Storage & ISS Electric Propulsion, Stage Transfer
  - Significant ISS energy storage life cycle cost reductions
  - Uses solar energy rather than launch propellant to enable propellant-less reboost and cheap, efficient, two-way transport
- Satellites with Combined Attitude Control/Energy Storage
  - High specific energy, 15 year life, eliminates attitude control system
- Lunar Energy Storage
  - 25 kWe for 14 days, 10X Peak Power capability, Fault Isolation to minimize electronics, extreme reliability, modular, launched for \$3B , no disposal issues
- Lunar Mid to Large Size Rover Energy Storage and Excavation
  - 15 year life, Peak Power for ISRU excavation, wide temperature range
- Lunar and Mars Uninterruptible Power Supply
  - backup power for lunar missions and a Mars nuclear system to increase mission reliability until a methane/oxygen generator can be started

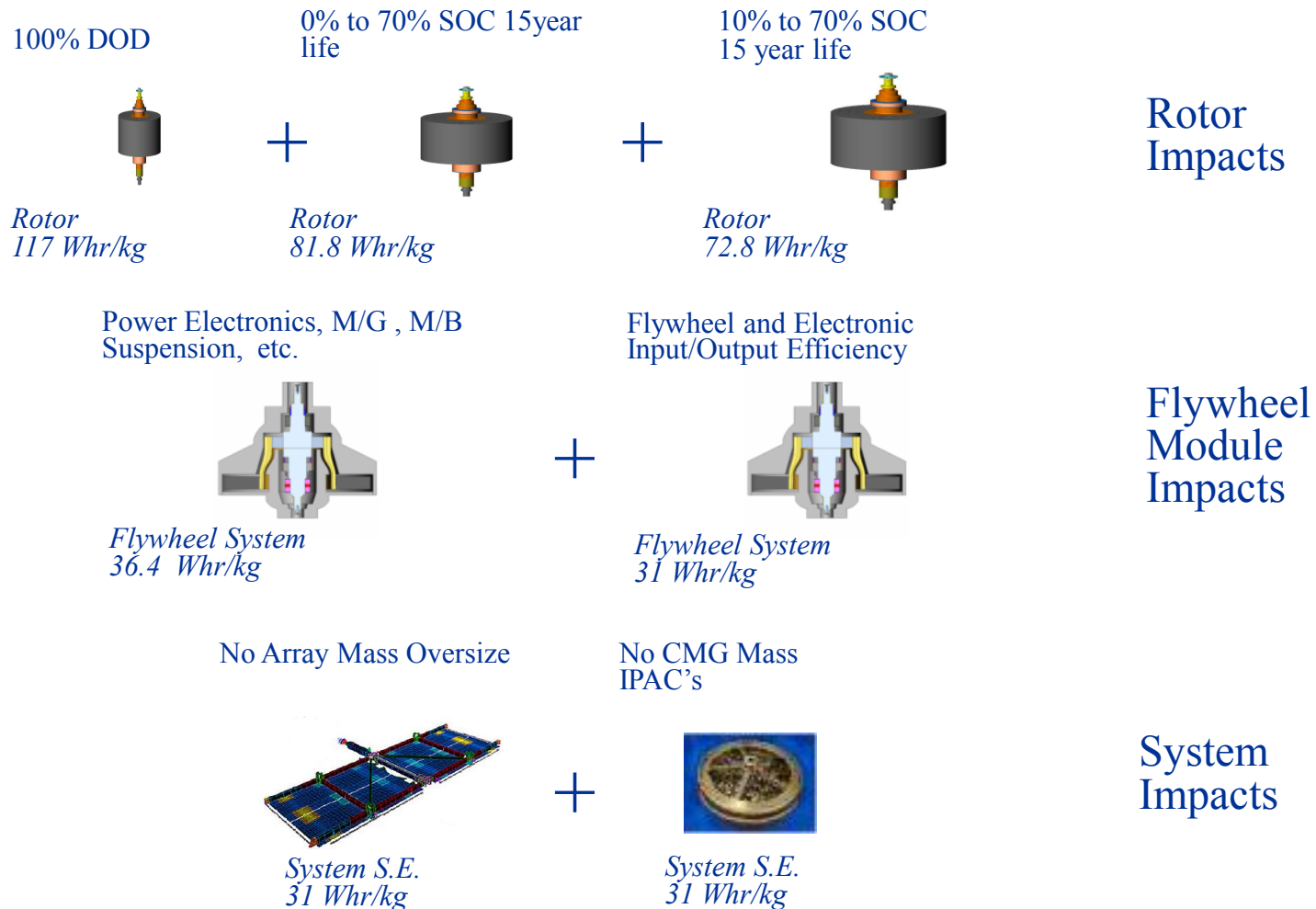


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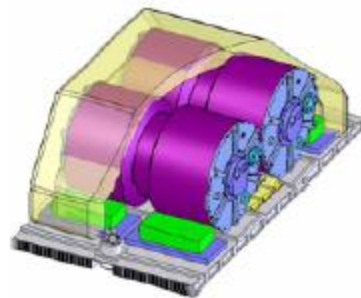




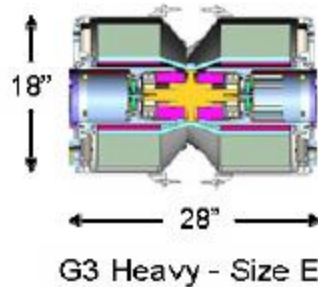
# ISS Battery Trade Study

2 Flywheels would replace existing 6 NiH or 3 Li batteries

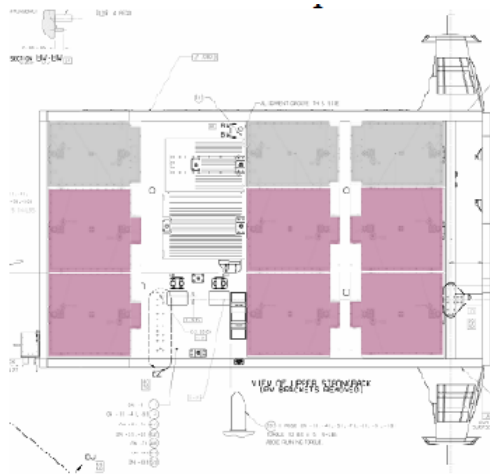
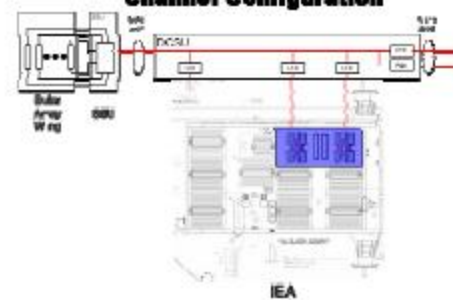
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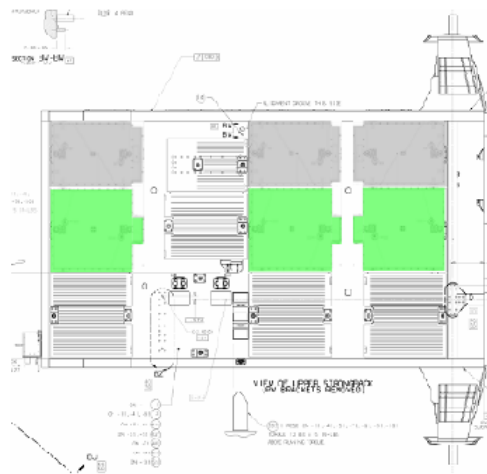
**Flywheel Module**



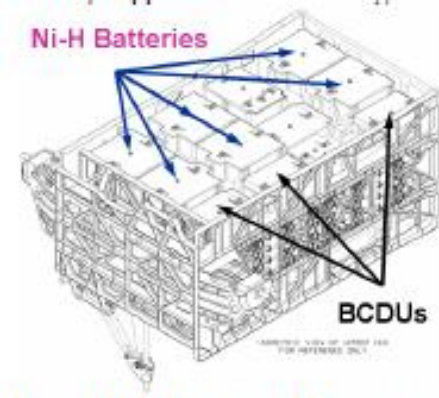
**Channel Configuration**



**Baseline Ni-H**



**Lithium Ion**





# ISS Upmass Benefits

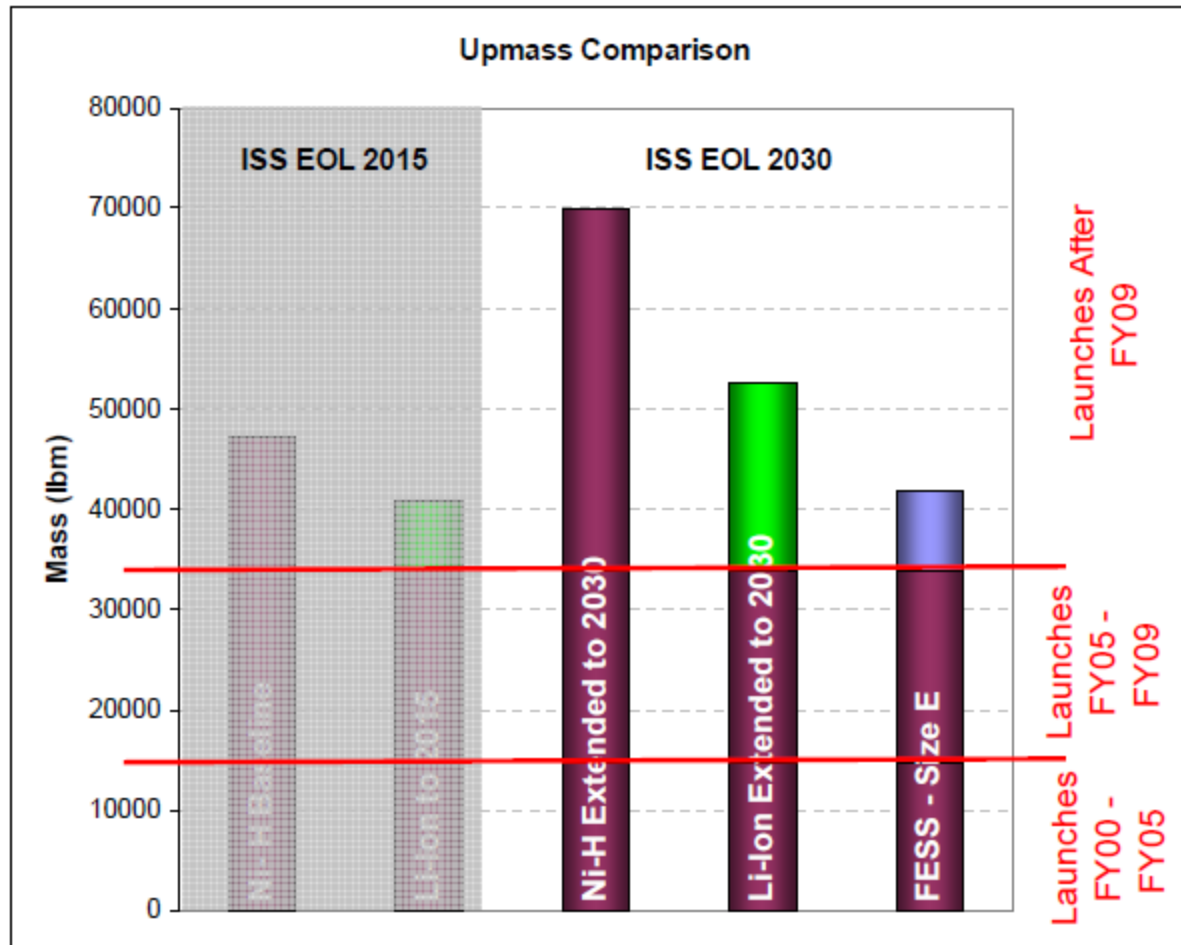


Figure 7 Upmass Benefits to ISS



# Tether Reboost and Orbit Transfer

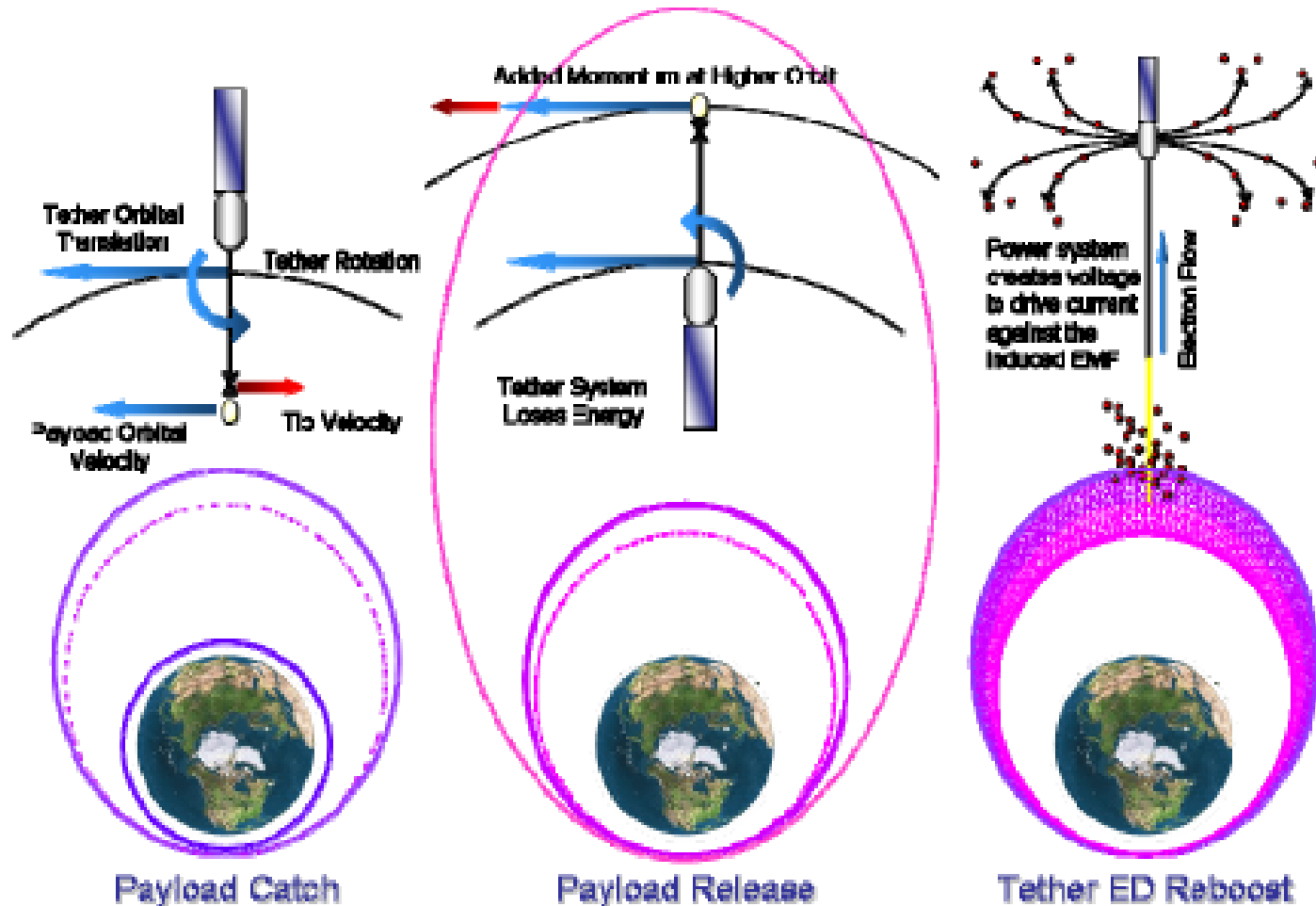


Figure 17 MXER Tether Basic Operation Modes



# Flywheels-Enabling Technology for Tethers

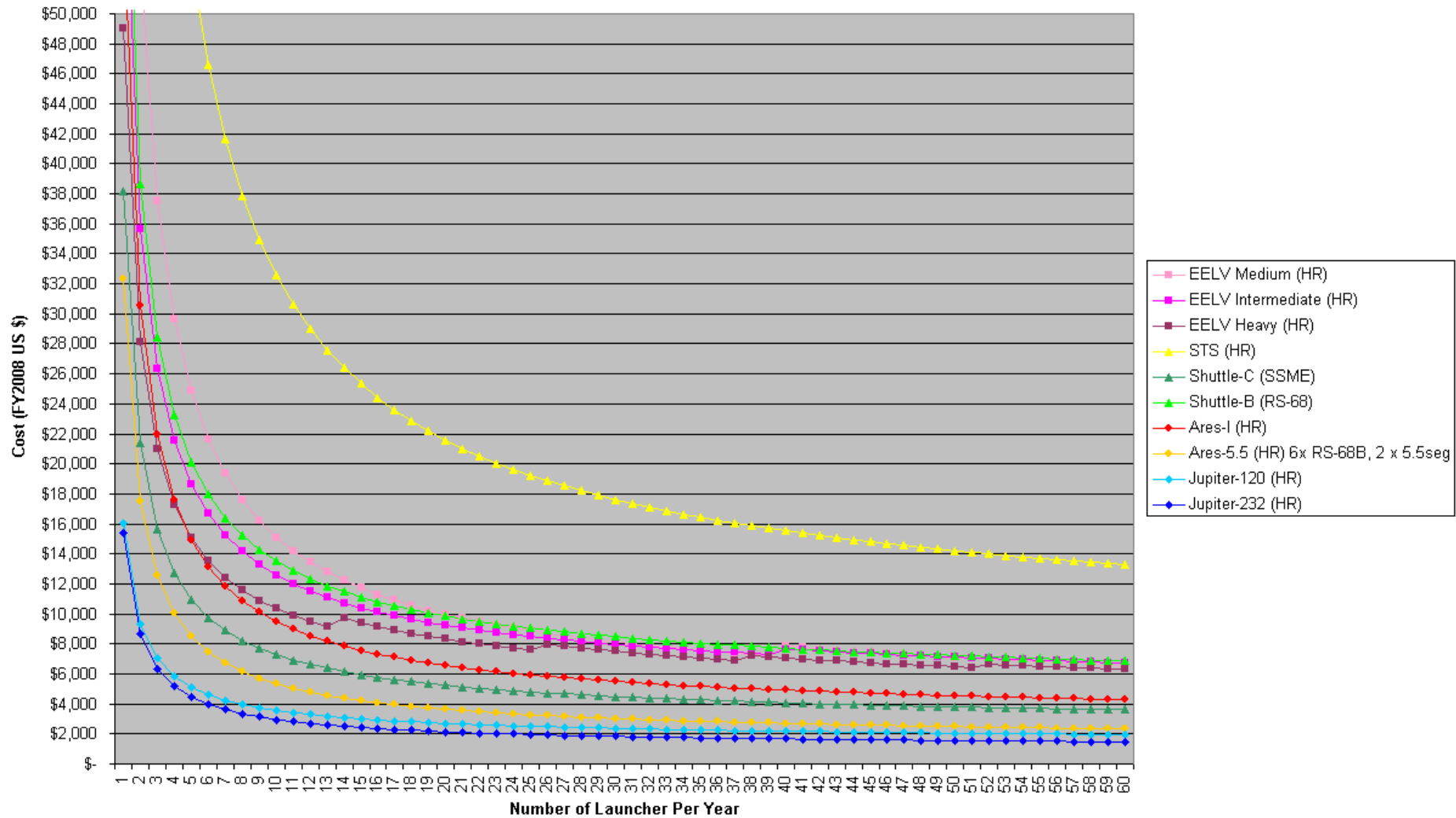
Nominal MXER Mission: Batteries vs. Flywheels			
1	Energy Storage Type	Battery (Li Ion)	Flywheels
2	Number of control nodes	1	1
3	Solar array power (kW)	49.0	46.1
4	Solar array area (m <sup>2</sup> )	148	140
5	Solar array mass (kg)	605	569
6	Max power required (kW)	427	414
7	Total energy storage required (kWH)	134	126
8	Total energy storage mass (kg)	45400	2500
9	Total power electronic mass (kg)	427	414
10	Heat load excluding solar arrays (kW)	10	7
11	Radiator area (m <sup>2</sup> )	29	21
12	Radiator mass (kg)	353	253
13	Total power system mass (kg)	46800	3700



# Lunar Energy Storage



Comparative Costs: Launch Vehicle Cost per kg to LEO





# Flywheel Energy Storage Costs

Days 14 days  
 Power 25 kw  
 Energy 8400 kw-hr  
 Unit Energy 2.1 kw-hr  
 # Units 4000  
 Cost/Unit 50000  
 Recurring \$ 200 \$M



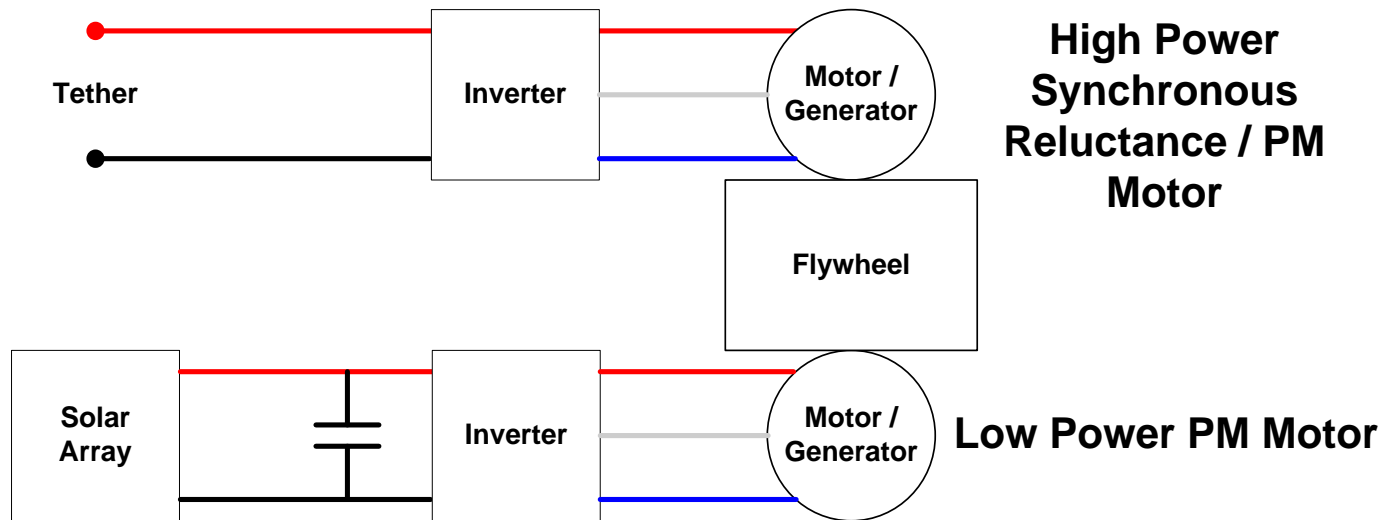
Flywheel Energy  
 Storage Selection  
 Depends on the  
 Launch Costs and  
 the Energy Density

Launch Cost			Direct 4000 \$/kg	Shuttle-C 10000 \$/kg	STS 30000 \$/kg
*70 LEO/ 20 Lunar	kg	mt	Launch Total (\$M)	Launch Total (\$M)	Launch Total (\$M)
38 whr/kg	221053	221	3095	7737	23211
76 whr/kg	110526	111	1547	3868	11605
200 whr/kg	42000	42	588	1470	4410



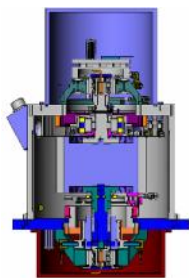
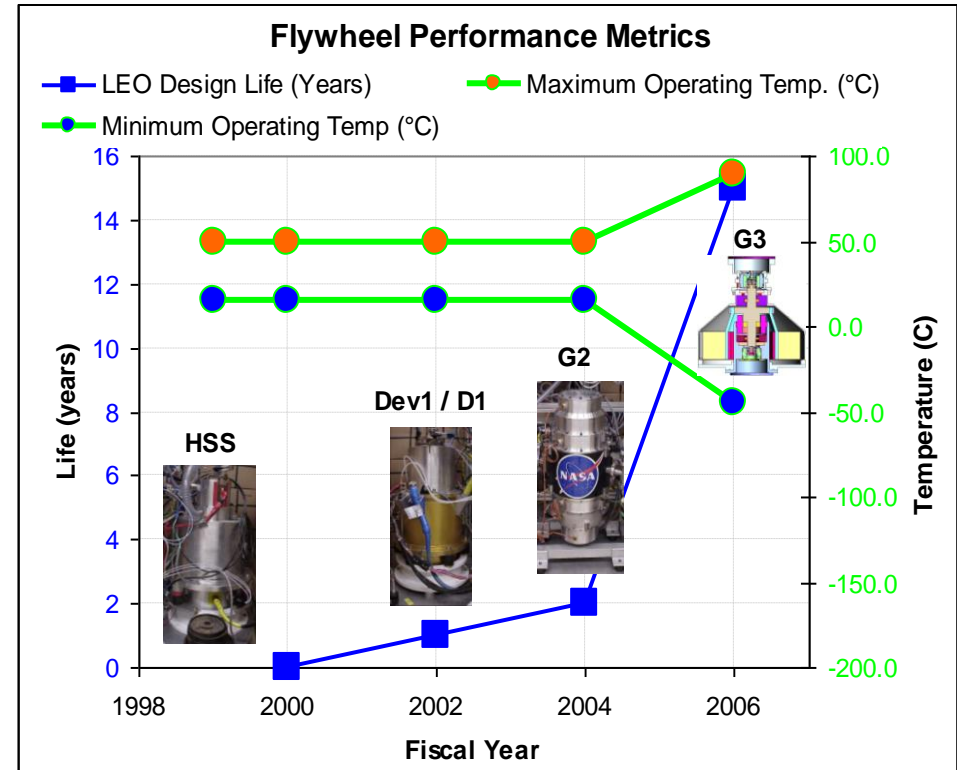
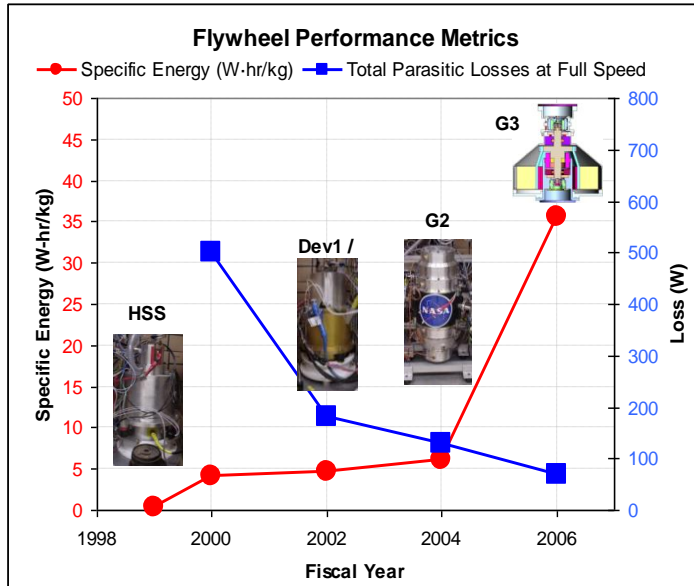
# MXER Tether Flywheel Dual M/G Topology – Lunar Grid?

- Two Possible Topologies: all Permanent Magnet and a PM/reluctance option
- All-PM would be a single M/G with separate windings for the low and high voltage subsystems





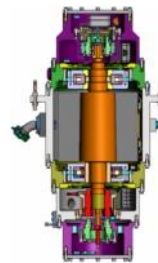
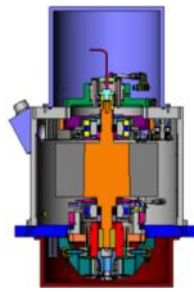
# Glenn's 8 yr Heritage



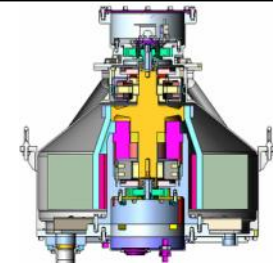
Dev 1 - 300 W-hr  
4.1 W-hr/kg  
Full Speed Once  
**USFS**



D1 - 330 W-hr  
4.7 W-hr/kg  
Full Speed Many Times  
**GRC/TAMU/USFS**



G2 - 581 W-hr  
6.1 W-hr/kg  
Modular, Low Cost  
**GRC/TAMU**



G3 - 2136 W-hr  
35.5 W-hr/kg  
High Energy, S.E., Life  
**GRC/TAMU/UT-CEM**



# Flywheel System

## Flywheel System:

Component interaction,  
Space environment, Controls,  
(micrometeoroids, etc)

## Enclosure:

lightweight but stiff,  
spacecraft mechanical  
and thermal interface

## Motor/Generator:

Reliability, efficiency

## Thermal:

passive heat rejection,  
Esp.: Gimbal mounted  
concepts

## Magnetic Bearings:

Controls & losses are  
the key risk areas,  
also fault tolerance  
& design for IPACS

## Rotor

(rim, hub, shaft):

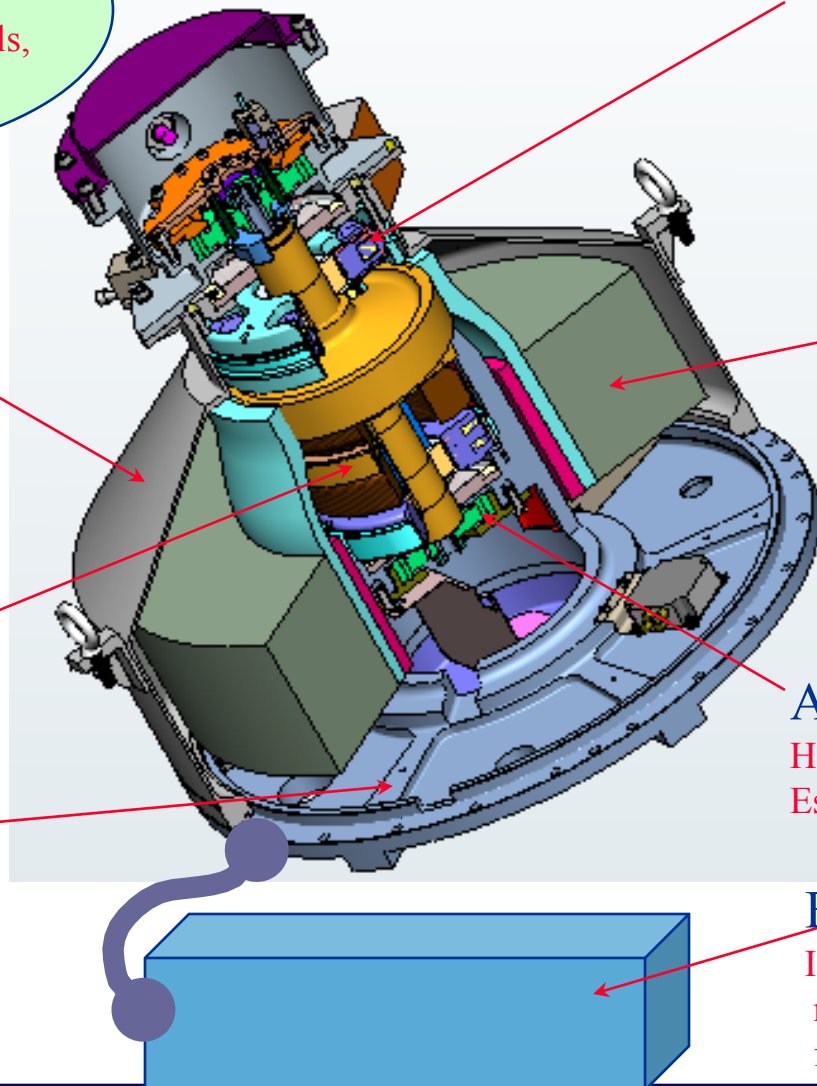
High specific energy  
(super critical design?),  
Fatigue Life & “creep”,  
safety W/O containment

## Auxiliary Bearings:

High speed, high impact, life  
Esp.: Launch environment

## Electronics:

IPACS control algorithms,  
redundant, packaging  
for lightweight





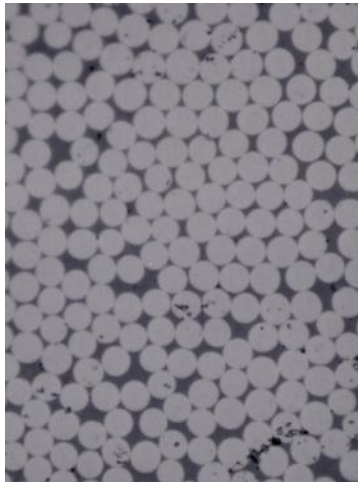
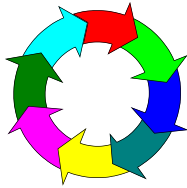
# Flywheel Design and Topology

- Overview of Rim and Hub Types
- Flywheel Design Considerations
- Examples of Rim and Hub Types



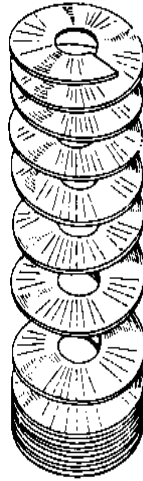
# Rim Types

## Filament Wound



- Wet or Pre-preg
- High FVR (80%)
- Low Transverse (radial) Strength

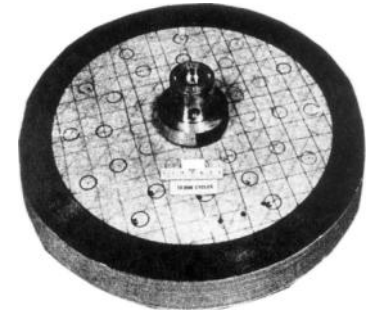
## Polar Weave



## Dow-UT/ AMT

- Radial Reinforcement to increase Transverse Strength
- Kinks in Fibers Eliminate Advantages

## Laminated

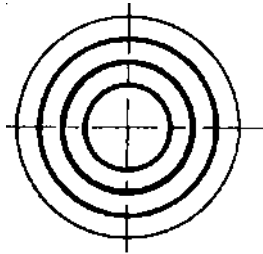


## GE

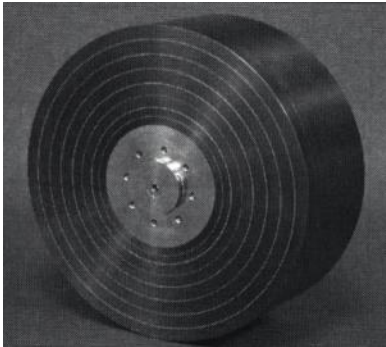
- Final Two DOE Rotors of 80's
- Similar Benefits as Filament Wound



## Preloaded

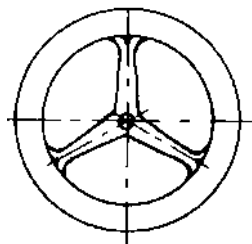


(g) multi-rim

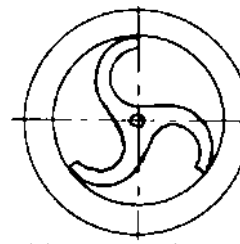


- Robust, Benign Failure Mode
- Lowest Specific Energy
- FESS Program

## Growth matching



(e) multi-spoke

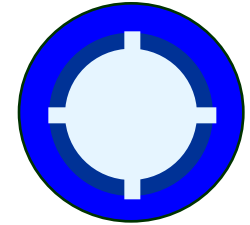
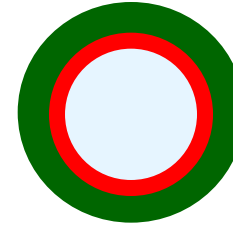


(a) curved spokes



- High Specific Energy
- Hub Does Not Influence Rim Stress State
- Composites Hubs Promise Longer Life over Metal Concepts

## Mass Loaded

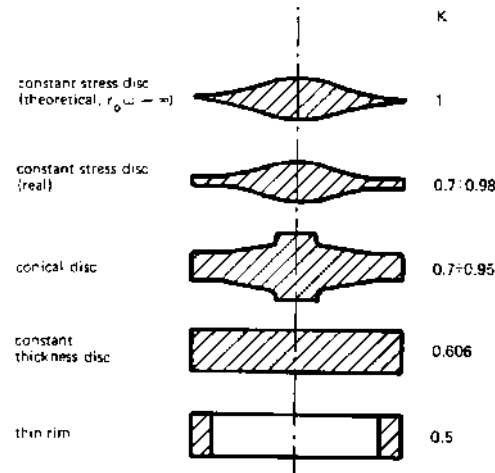


- High Specific Power
- Most compact design – esp. if magnets are embedded for MB & M/G
- Complex Failure Modes-  
**Potentially Catastrophic**



# Why Composite Materials

$$S.E. = K \frac{\sigma_u}{\rho}$$

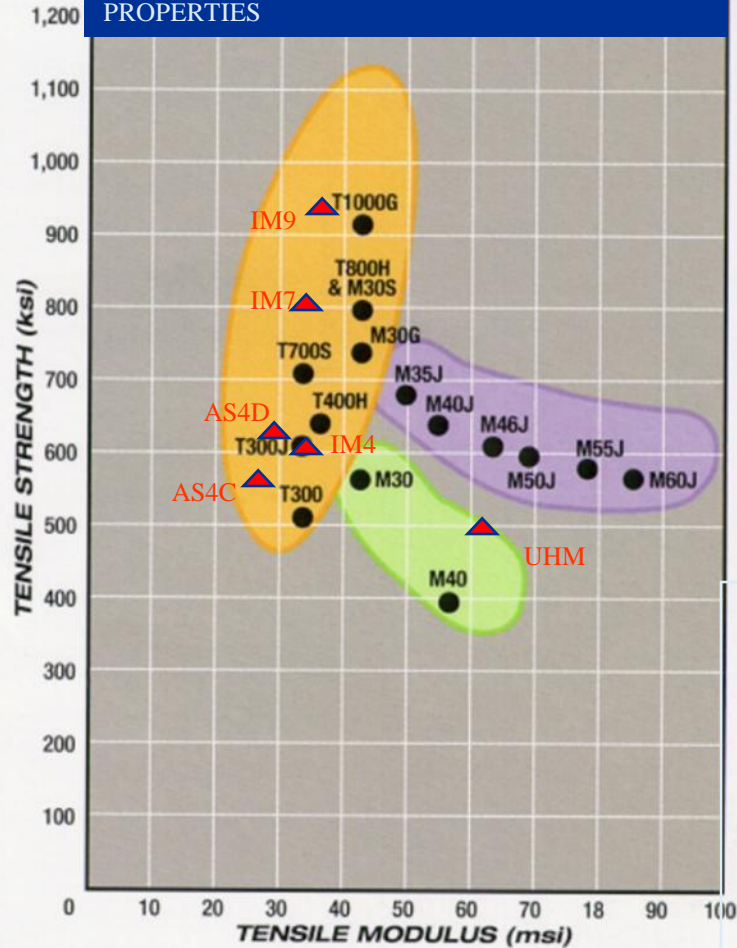


Material	S.E (Wh/lb)
Steel	25
S-glass	97
AS4C-carbon	97
T1000-carbon	162

- Use of composites allows flywheels to achieve a higher energy and power densities, but can also produce much more benign failure modes (radial delamination or outer ring burst) than do metals
- Using Higher strength materials allows smaller rotors, yet store same amount of energy because of larger tip speed; less momentum-- increases SE and can reduce gyroscopic effects



## CARBON FIBER TENSILE PROPERTIES



## TORAYCA - TYPICAL FIBER PROPERTIES

FIBER TYPE	Number of Filaments	Tensile Strength*			Tensile Modulus*			Elongation*	Mass per Unit Length Tex (g/1,000m)	Density g/cm <sup>3</sup>
		ksi	MPa	kgf/mm <sup>2</sup>	msi	GPa	kgf/mm <sup>2</sup>			
T300	1,000								66	
	3,000 <sup>b</sup>	512	3,530	360	33.4	230	23,500	1.5	198	1.76
	6,000 <sup>b</sup>								396	
	12,000 <sup>b</sup>								800	
T300J	3,000 <sup>b</sup>	611	4,210	430	33.4	230	23,500	1.8	198	1.78
	6,000 <sup>b</sup>								396	
	12,000 <sup>b</sup>								800	
	12,000	640	4,410	450	36.3	250	25,500	1.8	198	1.80
T400H	6,000								396	
	12,000	711	4,900	500	33.4	230	23,500	2.1	800	1.80
T700S	24,000								1,600	
	6,000 <sup>b</sup>	796	5,490	560	42.7	294	30,000	1.9	223	1.81
T800H	6,000 <sup>b</sup>								445	
	12,000 <sup>b</sup>	909	6,270	640	42.7	294	30,000	2.2	485	1.80
T1000G	12,000									
	6,000	683	4,700	480	49.8	343	35,000	1.4	225	1.75
M35J	12,000								450	
	6,000 <sup>b</sup>	640	4,410	450	54.7	377	38,500	1.2	225	1.77
M40J	12,000 <sup>b</sup>								450	
	6,000 <sup>b</sup>	611	4,210	430	63.3	436	44,500	1.0	223	1.84
M46J	6,000 <sup>b</sup>								445	
	12,000 <sup>b</sup>	597	4,120	420	69.0	475	48,500	0.8	216	1.88
M50J	6,000									
	6,000	583	4,020	410	78.2	540	55,000	0.8	218	1.91
M55J	6,000									
	3,000	569	3,920	400	85.3	588	60,000	0.7	100	1.94
M60J	6,000								200	
	6,000									
M30	1,000								56	
	3,000								160	
	6,000	569	3,920	400	42.7	294	30,000	1.3	320	1.70
	12,000								640	
M30S	18,000	796	5,490	560	42.7	294	30,000	1.9	745	1.73
	6,000									
M30G	18,000	739	5,100	520	42.7	294	30,000	1.7	745	1.73
	6,000									
M40	1,000								61	
	3,000	396	2,740	280	56.9	392	40,000	0.7	182	1.81
	6,000								364	
	12,000								728	

## HEXCEL PRODUCTS DATA SUMMARY

Fiber Type	Number of Filaments	Tensile Strength *		Tensile Modulus *		Tensile Strain *	Weight/Length (g/m)	Density (g/cm3)
AS4C	3,000	560	3,860	33	226	1.7	0.200	1.77
	6,000	560	3,860	33	226	1.7	0.400	1.77
	12,000	560	3,860	33	226	1.7	0.800	1.77
AS4D	12,000	610	4,207	35	241	1.7	0.760	1.78
IM4	12,000	600	4,138	40	276	1.5	0.735	1.73
AS4	3,000	570	3,930	32	221	1.7	0.211	1.79
	6,000	570	3,930	32	221	1.7	0.425	1.79
	12,000	570	3,930	32	221	1.7	0.857	1.79
IM6	12,000	760	5,240	40	276	1.7	0.448	1.76
IM7	6,000	780	5,379	40	276	1.8	0.223	1.77
	12,000	780	5,379	40	276	1.8	0.446	1.77
IM8	12,000	790	5,447	44	303	1.7	0.448	1.80
IM9	12,000	920	6,343	42	290	2.0	0.331	1.79
UHM	3,000	500	3,447	64	441	0.8	0.086	1.87
	12,000	500	3,447	64	441	0.8	0.341	1.87

\* Typical Lot Average Properties

\* Tensile modulus calculated at secant 6000-1000

T1000G and IM9 2.1  
and 2.0 %



# Flywheel Design Considerations

- Generally what is required for composite rotor designs is an accurate stress analysis and identification of limiting failure modes
- For given material, the rotor stresses, displacements, and interfacial pressures are expressible in terms of various design parameters:
  - mean radius, thickness, interference fits, material gradation, speed
- Stress Analysis must account for residual stresses, temperature, moisture, and time dependent material behavior



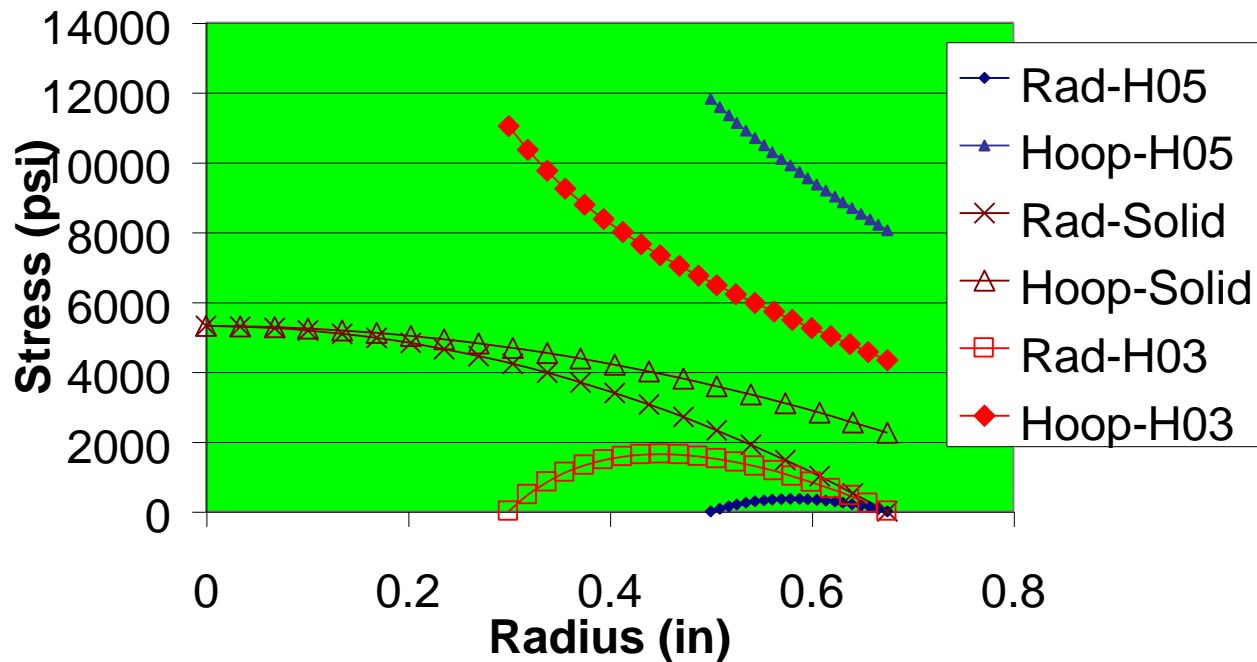
# How is a flywheel constructed to operate safely?

- A rotating structure develops both hoop and radial stresses.
- The filament winding manufacturing process of composite flywheel rims results in orthotropic material properties such that the hoop stress is approximately two orders of magnitude higher than the radial stress.
- The hoop failure mode is the potentially catastrophic failure mechanism as the energy is released to the housing.
- Fortunately, composite fibers have excellent fatigue strengths in the longitudinal direction allowing composite rims to survive hundred of thousands of cycles.
- The radial failure mode results in the composite rim to be split into two rims, usually near the center where the peak radial stress occurs, resulting in an unbalance that is detectable.
- Mechanical fuse concepts that create an unbalance also exist to prevent premature hoop failures.
- Many other considerations are needed to ensure safe operation (containment for terrestrial applications) but no show stoppers



# Metal Disks -Solid and Central Hole

Touchdown Ring Stress at 100 krpm



Hole ~ 2X Solid

$$\sigma_r = \sigma_\theta = \frac{3+\nu}{8} \rho \omega^2 (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$\sigma_\theta (Max) = \frac{3+\nu}{4} \rho \omega^2 \left( b^2 + \frac{1-\nu}{3+\nu} a^2 \right)$$



# 1-D Plane Stress – Orthotropic Materials

## Centrifugal

$$\sigma_c = \rho \omega^2 r_o^2 \frac{3 + \nu_{cr}}{9 - \mu^2} \left[ \mu l \chi^{\mu-1} + \mu \left( \frac{1}{\beta^2} - 1 \right) \chi^{-\mu-1} - \frac{\mu^2 + 3\nu_{cr}}{3 + \nu_{cr}} \chi^2 \right]$$

$$\sigma_r = \rho \omega^2 r_o^2 \frac{3 + \nu_{cr}}{9 - \mu^2} \left[ \chi^{\mu-1} + \left( \frac{1}{\beta^2} - 1 \right) \chi^{-\mu-1} - \chi^2 \right]$$

where :  $\mu^2 = E_c / E_r$

$$l = \left( \frac{1}{\beta^{2\mu-1}} - \beta^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\beta^{2\mu-1}} - \beta^{\mu-1} \right)$$

$$\beta = r_i / r_o \quad \chi = r / r_o$$

•Pressure:  
Internal &  
External

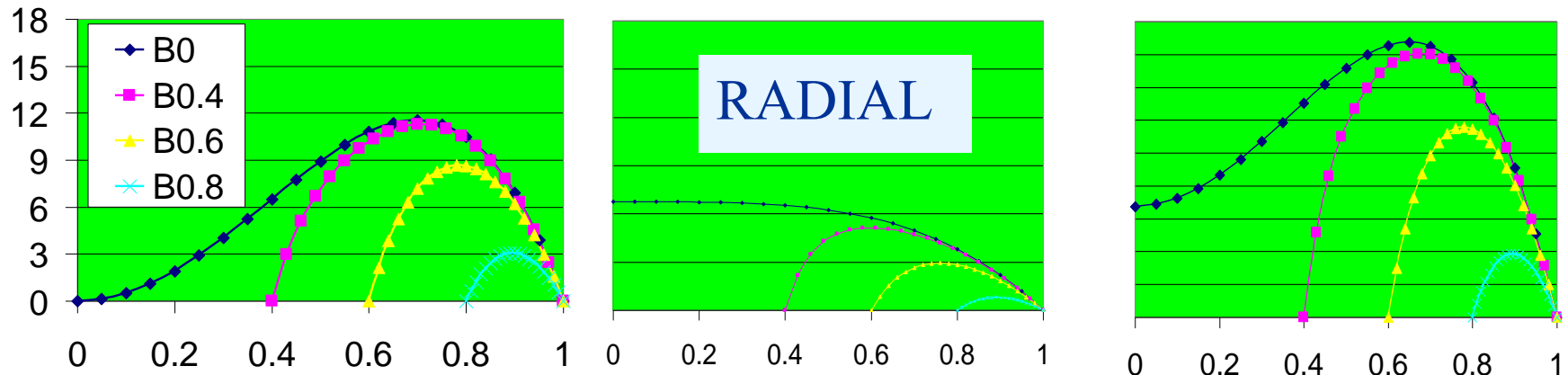
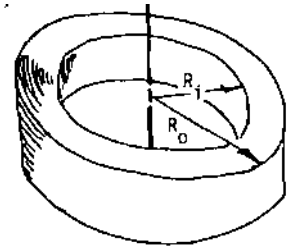
$$\sigma_c = \left( \frac{P\beta^{\mu+1} - Q}{1 - \beta^{2\mu}} \right) \mu \chi^{\mu-1} + \left( \frac{P - Q\beta^{\mu-1}}{1 - \beta^{2\mu}} \right) \mu \beta^{\mu+1} \chi^{-\mu-1}$$

$$\sigma_r = \left( \frac{P\beta^{\mu+1} - Q}{1 - \beta^{2\mu}} \right) \chi^{\mu-1} + \left( \frac{P - Q\beta^{\mu-1}}{1 - \beta^{2\mu}} \right) \beta^{\mu+1} \chi^{-\mu-1}$$

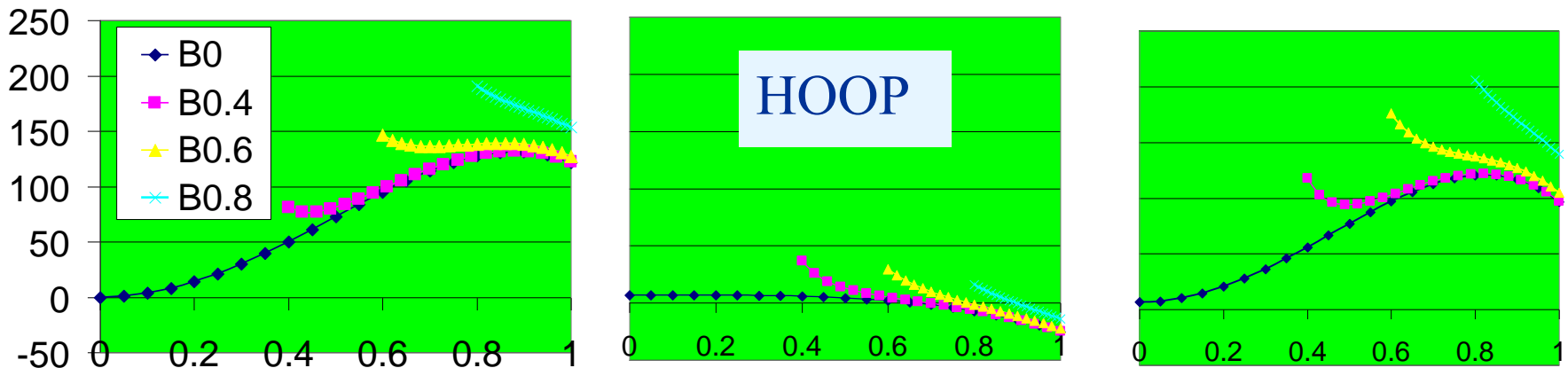
•Similar equations exist for Temperature and residual internal Moment



# Single Ring RPM+Cure Stress



RPM + Cure = Total

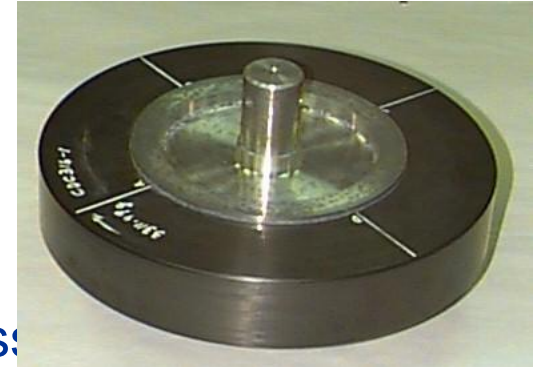
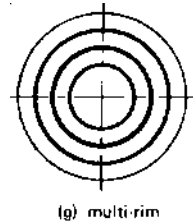


Hoop stress is typically 2 orders of magnitude larger than radial stress



# Preloaded Designs—Single Rim

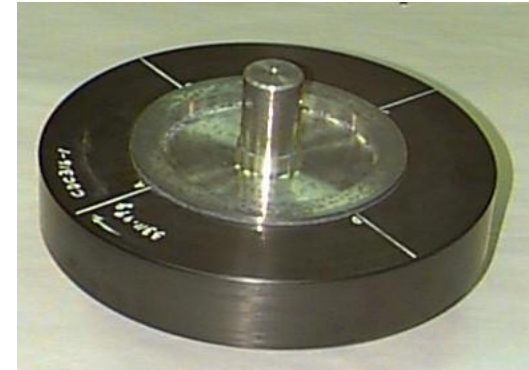
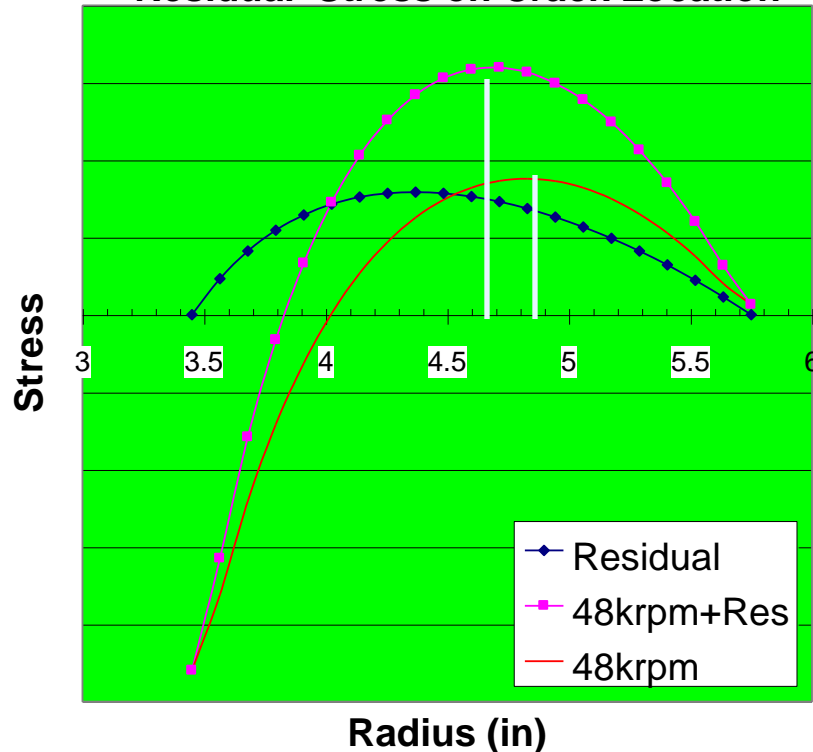
- “Pancake Designs”
- Single Ring Stress State
  - Centrifugal, Interference (Internal Pressure, stages and tension), Temperature, Material Properties(Quality)
- Poor Transverse Strengths
- No long term fatigue data under **Biaxial** (tension-tension) state of stress



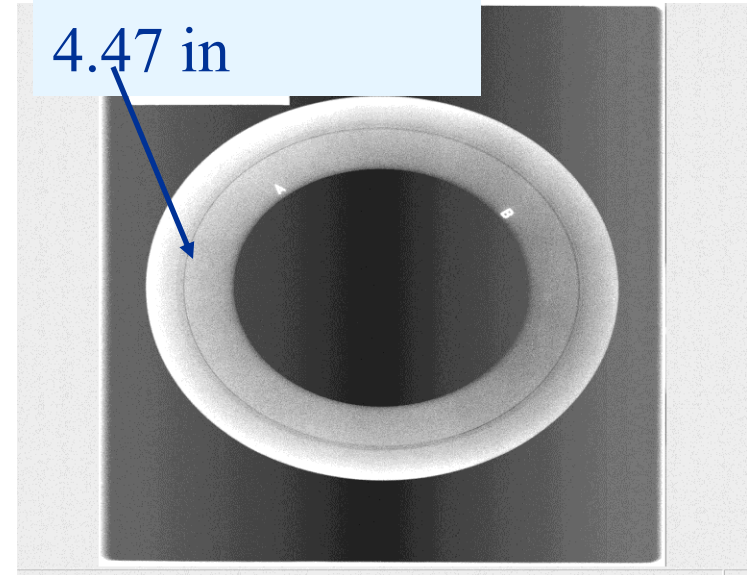


# Pancake Rotor NDE/Stress

Effects of Preload, Centrifugal, and Residual Stress on Crack Location



Radial Crack at  
4.47 in

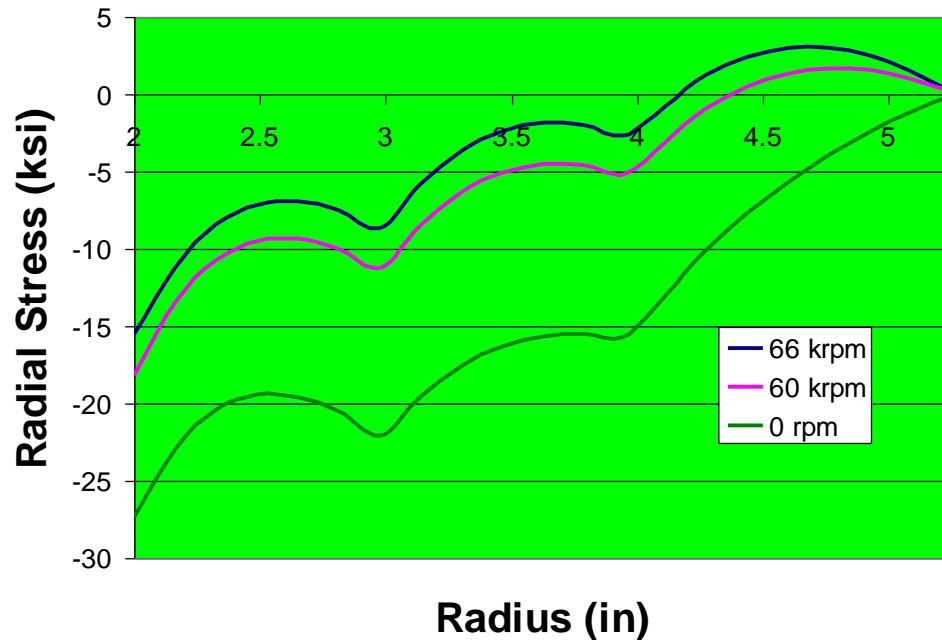


An est. residual would shift radial peak from  $\sim 4.8$  to 4.67in  
Else, need 12%  $\Delta E$  to match – (no E test data avail, nor wind T)

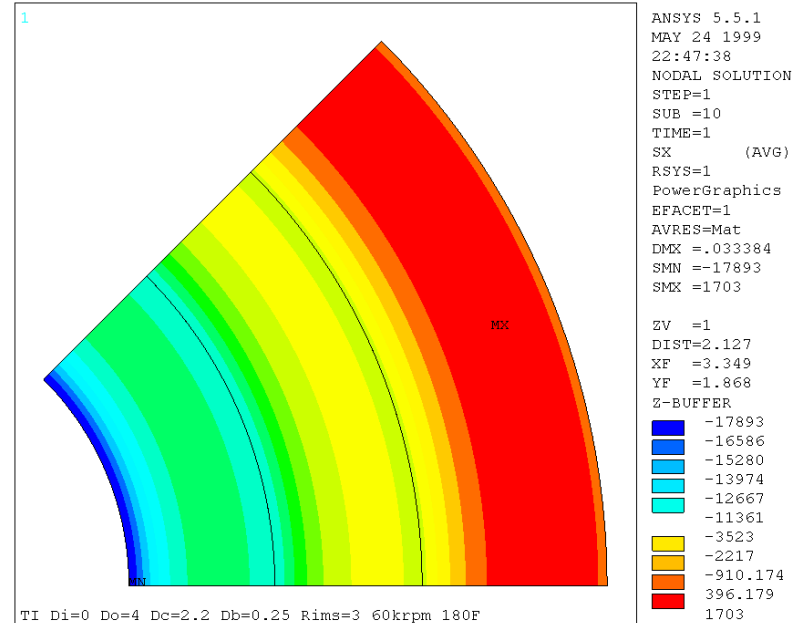


# Multi-Ring Stress Distribution\*

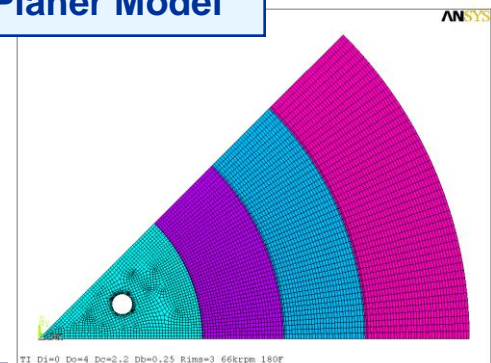
## Ring Radial Stress vs Radius



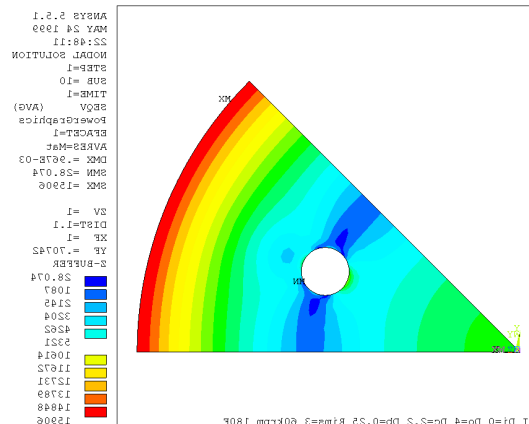
## Radial Stress Distribution @ 60 krpm



## 2D Planer Model



**Hub Stresses  
Reduced by  
Press-Fit and  
Ring Stiffness**

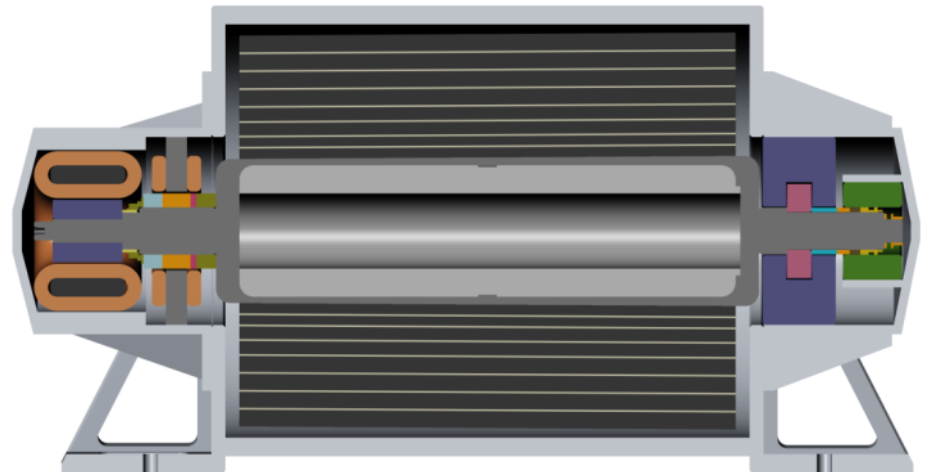
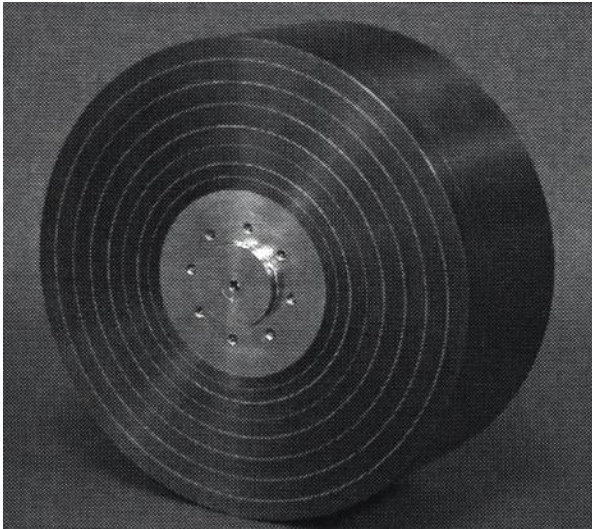


\* Illustration Purposes Only  
Non-Optimized Config



# UTCCEM Multi-Ring Press

- FESS Program Baseline
- 15+ years History



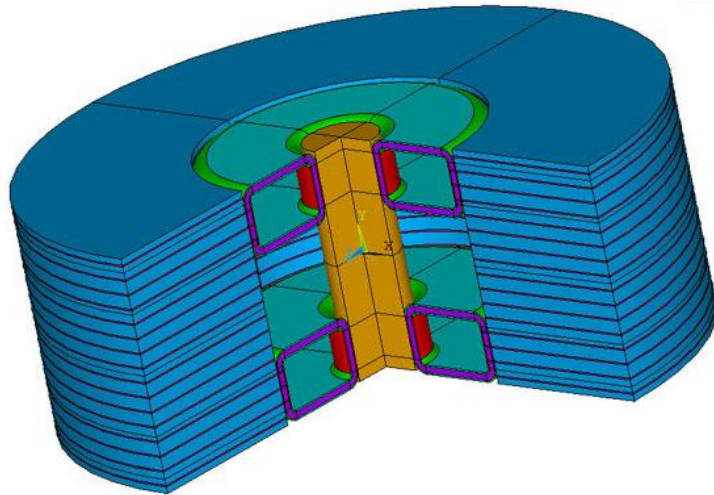
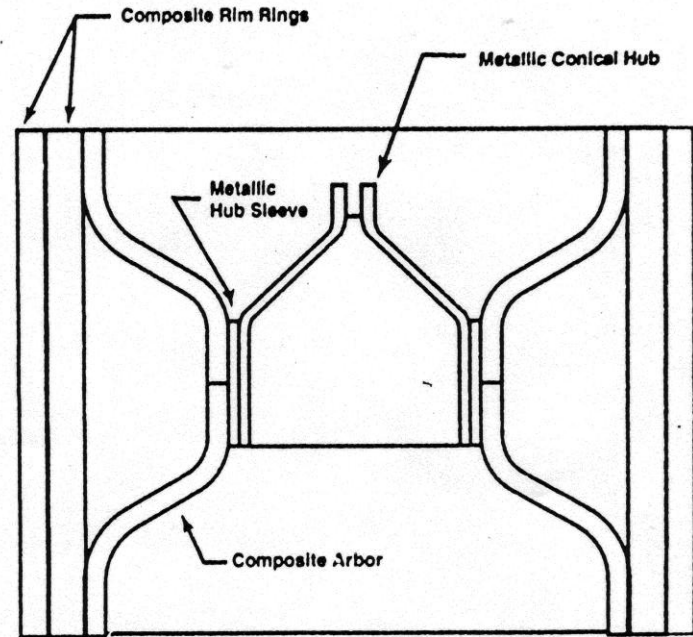
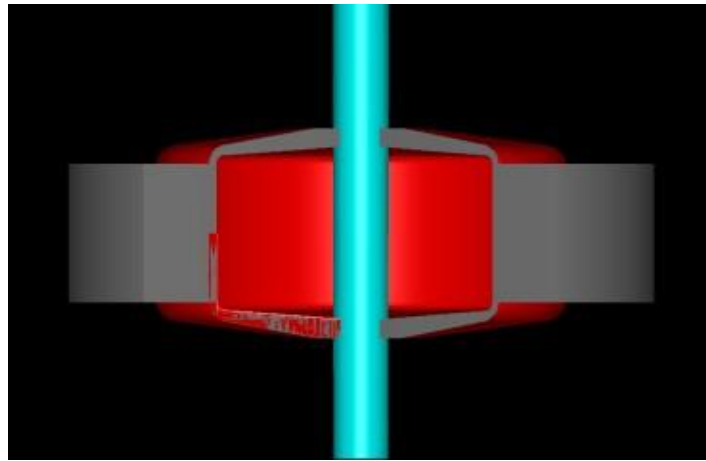


# Multiring Advantages/Disadvantages

- Interference Fits maintain compressive radial stresses and arrests cracks
- Smaller  $R_i/R_o$ --thinner rings--reduces residual cure stresses
- Failure mode moved to outer ring allows limited failure or fail-safe design
- Allows design optimization--redistribution of stresses
- Allows smaller hub diameters to improve fatigue life
- Increases specific energy vs single ring
- Demonstrated tip speeds ( $>1300$  m/s) and long history
- Fatigue  $> 300K$  cycles (15 yrs LEO)
- Multiple Press Fits have larger assembly and tooling costs
- Multiple Rings Pressed on shaft will have lower specific energy than “growth matching” or mass loaded designs
- Multi-ring rotors with elastomeric layers may introduce critical speeds within operational range
- potential for viscoelastic effects



# Growth Matching--Flexible Composite Hub Designs





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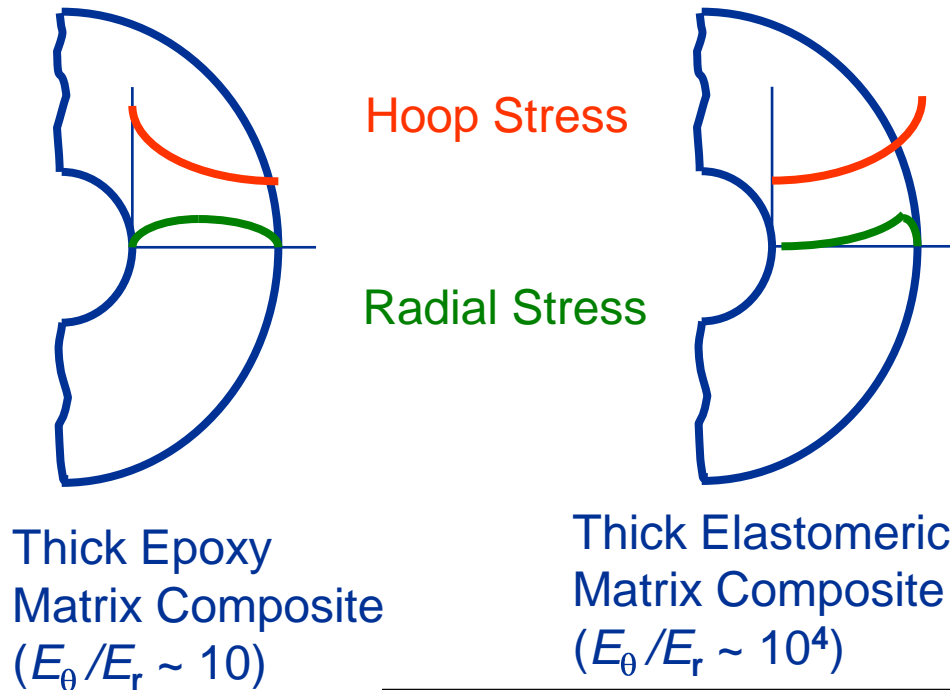
- Growth Matching Aluminum Hub
- Mass-Loading Rim (S-Glass, Carbon)



2000 AFRL “FACETS” Rim/HUB



# Fail Safe Rotor Concept



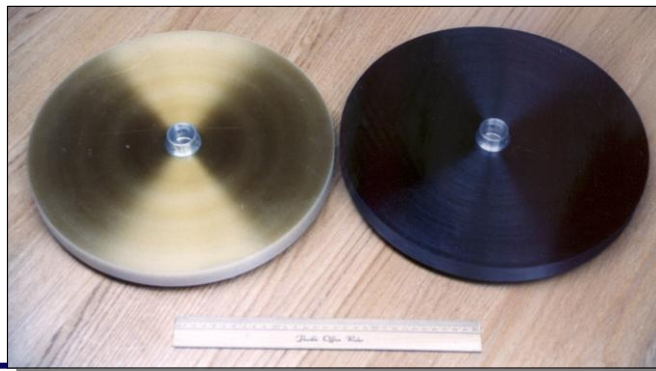
## Rationale

Single disk construction

- simplified hub
- reduced mfg. cost

Potentially self-arresting failure mode

- highest stresses at outside radius



Rule = 1 ft (30.5 cm)



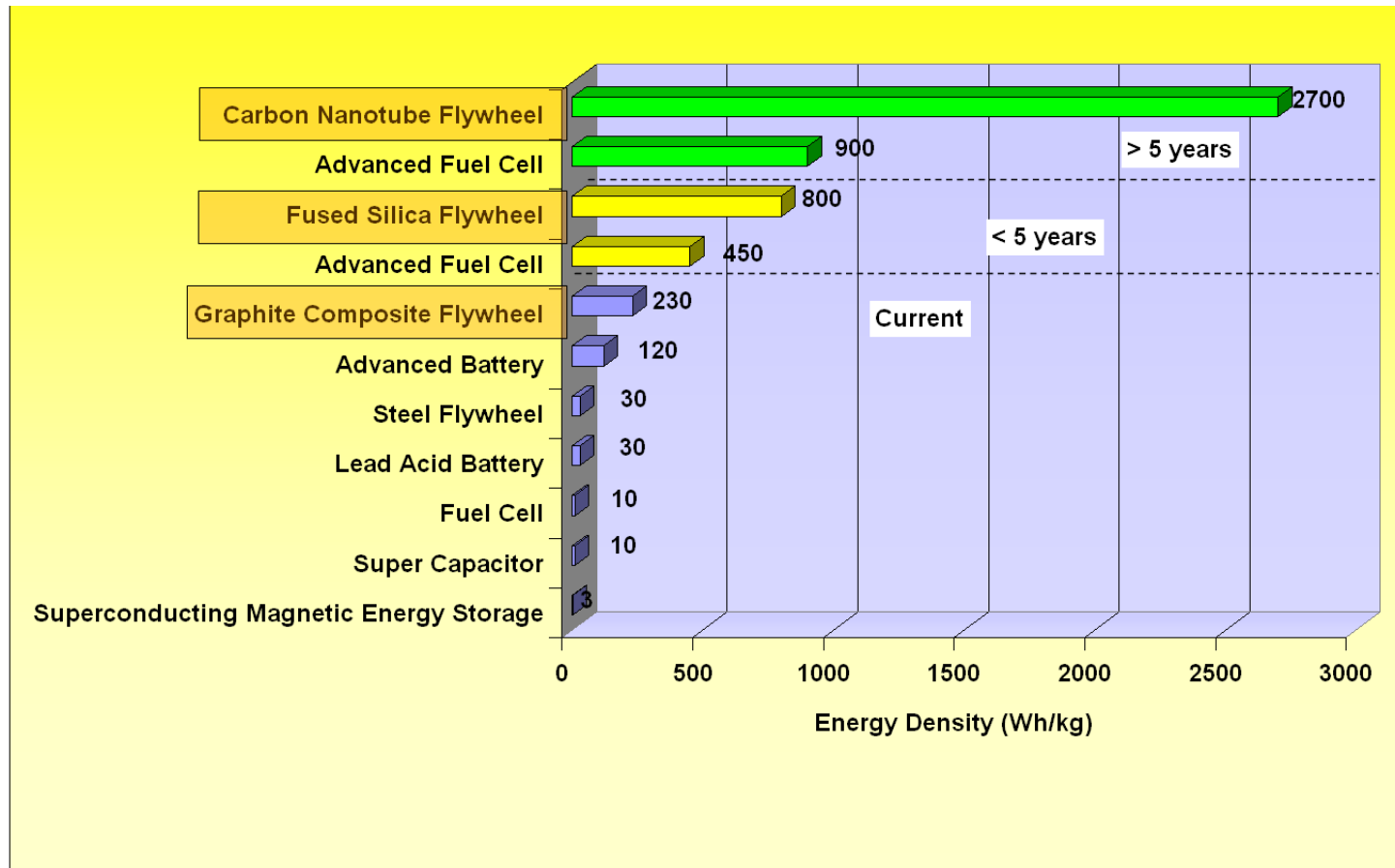
## Are Flywheels Safe?

- The simple answer is yes, that flywheels can be designed for safe operation either by a fail-safe or safe-life design process. In a fail-safe approach, containment ensures that any premature failure does not propagate to other systems. In space applications to save weight, the safe-life approach certifies the design will operate for up to four times its service life. Redundancy is implemented at the component level to ensure high reliability.



# What Energy Density is Possible???

- Higher Energy Density Still Possible (translates to lower cost)
- Longest Energy Storage Life of 15 to 30 years
- Flywheels can handle a 200F Range without thermal control





# Future R&D

- Advanced carbon materials
- High Speed bearings and motors
- Inside/Out Topology – A Thin Rotating Rim
- While development continues to double the 100 W-hr/kg at the rotor level or 50 W-hr/kg at the system level, achieving both high energy density at a low energy level (100-300 Whrs) still presents a significant technical challenge.



# Flywheel Advantages

- Long life of 15 years
- High combined specific energy and power
- Large Temperature Range (-45°C to +50°C), minor performance impacts with increasing range, cold soak ok
- Known state of charge
- Fault Tolerant
- Built in diagnostics for health monitoring
- Can easily provide 10 times peaking power capability
- Fault Isolation can eliminate electronics (a motor and generator can isolate faults)
- Can eliminate (most of) Attitude Control System on LEO satellites



# Flywheels: A Key Technology for Renewable Energy Storage

- Intermittent energy sources such as solar and wind can use the power grid to absorb production at high penetration levels require grid energy storage
- Flywheels can store and release kinetic energy quickly over many charge-discharge cycles to provide frequency regulation support
- Technology development over the past decade have enabled flywheels to become a commercial product with many possible uses including trains, cranes, UPS
- With the aid of new technology to lower costs and increase stored energy, flywheels will play a significant role in securing global energy sustainability